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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# Town of Cohasset,

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1876.

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS,

ALSO THE

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

AND

Report of the Votes Cast at the State Election in November, 1875.

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# ABRIDGED REPORT

OF THE

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

## HELD MARCH 1, 1875.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held in the Town Hall on Monday, the first day of March, 1875, in pursuance of a Warrant issued in due form of law, action was taken on the several articles as follows —

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Accepted the Reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and School Committee.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers chosen as follows:

*For Town Clerk.*

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*For Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES.

*For Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, JR.

*For Surveyor of Highways.*

AUGUSTUS A. BLANEY.

*For School Committee.*

LEVI N. BATES, for three years.

*For Constables and Truant Officers.*

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, ALFRED BEAL,
ZACCHEUS RICH, EZRA BROWN,
ANDREW W. WILLIAMS, IRA B. PRATT,
JOSEPH BATTLES, JOHN L. PRATT.

*For Fire Wards.*

ZACCHEUS RICH, PHILIP FOX,
J. FOSTER DOANE, ISAAC W. BEAL,
A. S. RICHARDSON.

*For Fence Viewers.*

THOMAS M. SMITH, ADNA BATES, J. FOSTER DOANE.

*For Field Drivers.*

ISAAC W. BEAL, SAMUEL NICHOLS.
A. W. BEAL, CHARLES F. TILDEN.
WALDO C. LOCKE, DAVID B. LINCOLN,
JOSEPH BATTLES, EDWIN BATES.

*For Surveyors of Lumber.*

PHILIP FOX, N. B. TOWER.

*For Measurer of Wood and Bark.*

MORGAN B. STETSON.

*For Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

THOMAS J. BROWNE.

*For Pound Keeper.*

AUGUSTUS A. BLANEY.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise $20,000, to be appropriated as follows: —

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|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, | $1,500 00 |
| " Interest, | 1,400 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1,400 00 |
| Support of the Poor, | 2,000 00 |
| Support of Schools, | 5,900 00 |
| Removing Snow, | 400 00 |
| Repairs on School-houses, | 500 00 |
| Repairs on Highways, | 4,000 00 |
| Town Officers, | 1,000 00 |
| Printing and Fire Department, | 400 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 800 00 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 700 00 |
| | $20,000 00 |

ARTICLE 5. Taxes to be collected as last year, and the same discounts to be allowed.

ARTICLE 6. Treasurer authorized to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State Aid under the direction of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 7. Selectmen's Report on Guide Boards accepted.

ARTICLE 8. The following list of jurors was accepted; viz.,

| | |
|---|---|
| ANDREW J. ARNOLD, | GALEN JAMES, |
| DANIEL J. BATES, | J. LORING LITCHFIELD, |
| GEORGE BEAL, | ISAIAH LINCOLN, |
| WASHINGTON BROWN, | JAMES PETTEE, |
| EDWIN BATES, | AARON PRATT, |
| ALDEN BEAL, | JOHN L. PRATT, |
| HERBERT O. BEAL, | HENRY SNOW, |
| WILLIAM BEAL, | ZIBA C. SMALL, |
| DAVID P. BEAL, | JOSEPH H. SMITH, |
| CHARLES A. COUSENS, | EDWIN SOUTHER, |
| LOUIS T. CUSHING, | FRANKLIN STODDARD, |
| HORACE J. DAMON, | DANIEL N. TOWER, |
| DAVID S. G. DOANE, | JAMES J. TOWER, |
| EDWARD E. ELLMS, | EZRA TOWLE, |
| STEPHEN D. FARRAR, | ISRAEL C. VINAL, |
| ALEX. W. HAYDEN, | ALFRED WHITTINGTON. |

ARTICLE 9. Voted that the Financial Report be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

ARTICLE 10. Passed over.

ARTICLE 11. Passed over.

ARTICLE 12. Passed over.

ARTICLE 13. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to employ Counsel, and defend any suit for damages that has or may arise from the flowing of Straits Pond.

ARTICLE 14. Voted that the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to build a Lock-up; and that the same be located by and built under the direction of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15. Voted that the matter of widening King Street, between Pond Street and the dwelling of Wm. H. Bates, be left with the Surveyor of Highways.

ARTICLE 16. Voted that the repairs of Cedar Street be left with the Surveyor of Highways.

ARTICLE 17. Voted that the Town Clerk copy, or cause to be copied, a portion of the Town Records.

ARTICLE 18. Voted that a Committee of three be chosen by nomination to confer with a Committee from the Town of Scituate, in relation to the building of Fishways on the Gulf Stream, so that fish may have a passage-way to the ponds above; and said Committee to report at some future meeting. Chose for this Committee, M. B. Stetson, Loring Bates, and Daniel J. Bates.

ARTICLE 19. Voted to pass over as much as relates to building a Receiving Tomb. Voted to accept from Abraham H. Tower, the gift of a Receiving Tomb, to be used as such forever.

Voted that the thanks of the Town be extended to A. H. Tower, for his gift to the Town, as above.

Voted that the thanks of the Town be extended to J. Q. A. Lothrop, for the able and courteous manner with which he has presided over this meeting.

Meeting dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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At a legal meeting of the Town, held May 13, 1875, the following business was transacted:—

J. Q. A. LOTHROP chosen Moderator.

The following motion, presented in writing to the meeting, was accepted.—"That the Selectmen cause the Road, ordered by the County Commissioners to be constructed from Church Street to a stake on the line between Cohasset and Hingham, to be built.

That the building of the same be put out by contract to the

lowest proposal or bidder, to be completed at the time ordered, to the acceptance of the Selectmen and County Commissioners.

And that the sum of one thousand dollars be paid on said contract the first day of January next, if said road be built to the value, to the judgment of the Selectmen; and the remainder when the road be finished agreeable to contract, provided that one-third of said road be built by the first day of January, before the one thousand dollars is paid."

The following motion, presented in writing to the meeting, was accepted.—"That the Selectmen be instructed to employ Counsel, and appear for the Town before the County Commissioners upon the petition of A. H. Tower, and others, for a road from Jerusalem Road to Atlantic Avenue, and favor the laying out of said road, provided it is proposed to locate said road as a Shore Road, and so as to connect conveniently with Atlantic Avenue; and, if laid out, the Town shall have two years after the laying out to build said road."

Voted to permit the Beechwood Cemetery Association to buy land adjoining their Cemetery, for burial purposes.

Meeting dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# RECORD OF NOVEMBER MEETING.

## Election of State, District, and County Officers.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in Elections, held on the second day of November, 1875, the following ballots were cast: —

For Governor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alexander H. Rice, of Boston, | had | 121 |
| William Gaston, of Boston, | " | 46 |
| John I. Baker, of Beverly, | " | 3 |
| Chas. Francis Adams, of Quincy, | " | 3 |

For Lieutenant-Governor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Horatio G. Knight, of Easthampton, | had | 124 |
| John Quincy Adams, of Quincy, | " | 46 |
| William F. Bartlett, of Pittsfield, | " | 3 |

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Henry B. Pierce, of Abington, | had | 125 |
| George H. Monroe, of Boston, | " | 48 |

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

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|---|---|---|
| Charles Endicott, of Canton, | had | 127 |
| Weston Howland, of Fairhaven, | " | 46 |

For Auditor.

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|---|---|---|
| Julius L. Clarke, of Newton, | had | 125 |
| John E. Fitzgerald, of Boston, | " | 48 |

For Attorney General.

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|---|---|---|
| Charles R. Train, of Boston, | had | 127 |
| George F. Verry, of Worcester, | " | 46 |

## REMOVING SNOW.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John L. Pratt and others, | $42 33 | |
| Antone L. Joseph, | 10 00 | |
| Samuel G. James and others, | 61 84 | |
| Prouty & Hamilton, | 3 70 | |
| William O. Souther and others, | 46 31 | |
| Lot Willcutt and others, | 49 67 | |
| Thomas Bates and others, | 97 85 | |
| Thomas A. Bates and others, | 31 33 | |
| F. F. Palmer, | 1 32 | |
| J. R. Colbrith, | 3 66 | |
| Herbert Nichols and others, | 20 00 | |
| Joshua Cook, | 7 33 | |
| John Cronican, | 8 33 | |
| Michael O. Cornell, | 8 33 | |
| Thomas M. Smith and others, sidewalks, | 159 60 | |
| Martin Beal, | 12 00 | |
| Isaac W. Beal and others, | 13 20 | |
| Lot Bates and others, | 45 00 | |
| Anthony Anderson, | 1 50 | |
| James L. Bates, | 3 50 | |
| Charles E. Tyrer, | 1 66 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, | 1 33 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt and others, | 46 28 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairing plow, | 4 00 | |
| Moses Sargent and others, sidewalks, | 72 33 | |
| Edwin B. Studley, | 1 65 | |
| A. C. Wheelwright, | 3 00 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., | 8 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, | 3 67 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln and others, | 8 17 | |
| Alms-house men and teams, | 65 00 | |
| | | $841 89 |
| Deduct Alms-house amount, | | 65 00 |
| | | $776 89 |

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| Amount paid for removing snow, | $776 89 |
| Amount appropriated, | 400 00 |
| Amount paid over appropriation, | $376 89 |

## SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treasurer of School Committee, | $5,900 00 |

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, | $120 34 |
| Ezra Brown, | 15 |
| | $120 49 |

## STATE AID.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, | $96 00 |
| Catharine Manuel, | 96 00 |
| Thomas Williston, | 54 00 |
| Hannah F. Arnold, | 96 00 |
| Asahel F. Nott, | 36 00 |
| Thomas T. Spear, | 84 00 |
| Philip D. Minot, | 72 00 |
| | $534 00 |

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, | $2,600 00 |
| County Tax, | 1,773 09 |
| | $4,373 09 |

## EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

### Harbor School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Catherine Gardner, cleaning, | $3 23 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing stove, &c., | 5 00 | |
| Alex. W. Hayden, whitewashing, | 8 30 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c. | 1 85 | |
| Alex. T. Prouty, " " | 1 15 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock, | 75 | |
| | | $20 28 |

### High School-Rooms.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning, | $14 00 | |
| J. L. Hammett, cards, &c., | 6 44 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing stove, &c., | 9 68 | |
| W. H. Knight, books, &c., | 2 95 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., | 27 15 | |
| Martin N. Bates, labor and stock, | 12 07 | |
| Elijah N. Barker, labor and stock, | 2 00 | |
| Joseph B. Barker, glazing, | 3 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 4 02 | |
| | | $81 31 |

### North School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning, | $ 9 25 | |
| J. L. Hammett, settees, | 16 00 | |
| Marshall A. Lewis, clock, | 4 75 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c. | 7 41 | |
| Bela Stoddard, labor and stock, | 16 75 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, " | 20 34 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., | 5 90 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 11 32 | |
| | | $91 72 |

### Centre School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid E. N. Barker, labor and stock, painting, | $13 80 | |
| J. L. Hammett, blackboard, | 7 20 | |
| Andrew W. Williams, labor, | 30 75 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, labor and stock, | 35 60 | |
| Margaret Mulcahy, cleaning, | 6 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, hardware, &c., | 19 86 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., | 5 50 | |
| Joseph B. Barker, glazing, | 2 00 | |
| Martin N. Bates, labor and stock, | 2 25 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, | 92 82 | |
| | | $216 28 |

### Beechwood School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid L. Webster Bates, repairs on fence, | $ 3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, stoves, &c., | 22 20 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c;, | 7 15 | |
| John J. A. Pratt, labor and stock, | 25 00 | |
| Charles H. Wood, use of well, | 1 00 | |
| | | $58 35 |

### King Street School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Marshall A. Lewis, clock, | $ 4 75 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., | 7 20 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing stove, | 1 75 | |
| Thomas A. Bates, labor and stock, | 7 50 | |
| | | $21 20 |

### Jerusalem School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. E. West & Co., brooms, &c., | $12 03 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c., | 17 69 | |
| Mary L. Beal, cleaning, | 4 00 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., | 2 33 | |
| Philip Fox, labor and stock, | 5 50 | |
| | | $41 55 |

### South School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c., | $7 61 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., | 12 75 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, glazing, &c., | 4 15 | |
| Robert B. Pratt, labor, | 4 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., window cord, | 62 | |
| | | $29 13 |

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| Amount expended on School Houses, | $559 82 |
| " appropriated, | 500 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, | $59 82 |

### TOWN HALL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Elijah N. Barker, painting, | $17 00 |
| Joseph B. Barker, painting, | 18 00 |
| Charles A. Gross, paints, oil, &c., | 44 77 |
| Lewis Willcutt, labor and stock, | 9 50 |
| Samuel Bates, funnel, locks, &c., | 9 87 |
| Daniel W. Pratt, painting, | 22 81 |
| Morgan B. Stetson & Co., carpet, | 15 75 |
| Thomas Willcutt, labor, | 1 50 |
| John Howard, labor, | 2 50 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, labor and stock, | 7 30 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, " " " | 7 75 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, | 12 55 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, labor and Hall, when used free, | 15 00 |
| | $184 30 |

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Estate, John M. Lincoln, gravel, 1874, | $21 30 |
| Cummins L. Lothrop, gravel, 1874, | 12 24 |
| Oren R. Beal, labor, Jesusalem Road, 1865, | 10 00 |
| Edward P. Hamilton, labor, Pleasant Street, | 5 18 |
| Aaron Pratt, labor on Beechwood St., 1874, | 8 50 |
| Samuel Bates, spikes, | 93 |
| Frank Silvie, labor, | 25 50 |
| George M. Ennice, labor, | 28 50 |
| Joseph F. Ennice, " | 36 25 |
| Thomas Willcutt, labor, railing, | 7 00 |
| Isaac N. Damon, blacksmithing, 1874, | 4 00 |
| William W. Studley, covering stone, | 9 00 |
| John Howard, labor, | 30 00 |
| A. C. Wheelwright, teaming, | 50 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, setting grating, | 1 87 |
| D. O. Wade, labor and stock, railing, | 24 80 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, | 13 16 |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, labor, | 7 00 |
| Thomas M. Smith, teaming, | 65 15 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, time and expenses, | 100 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, " " | 79 50 |
| Philander Bates, " " | 22 00 |
| Howard Pratt, rebuilding bridge, | 6 00 |
| Almshouse men and teams, | 199 00 |
| | $717 38 |
| Deduct Almshouse amount, | $199 00 |
| | $518 38 |
| Amount appropriated, | $700 00 |
| " expended, | 518 38 |
| Amount paid less than appropriation, | $181 62 |

## HIGHWAYS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid John Cronican, | $210 50 | Paid Louis N. Lincoln, | $37 00 |
| Michael O'Cornell, | 237 00 | Ezekiel Bates, | 36 72 |
| W. H. Bates, | 186 50 | Thomas Willcutt, | 6 32 |
| Osborn Wood, | 87 50 | Charles F. Tilden, | 19 45 |
| William O. Souther, | 157 50 | Howard Pratt, | 22 00 |
| Henry Nichols, | 94 50 | Edwin Bates, | 20 00 |
| Charles E. Tyrer, | 95 00 | Edward Kinsley, | 11 00 |
| Benjamin F. Morse, | 95 50 | Martin Lincoln, | 15 00 |
| Richard Wells, | 65 10 | Samuel N. Lincoln, | 290 00 |
| Thomas Williams, | 171 50 | Edward E. Ellms, | 12 00 |
| Waldo C. Locke, | 11 50 | Thomas Lincoln, | 5 00 |
| Samuel Bates, | 5 88 | Levi L. Worrick, Jr., | 146 50 |
| James Sweeney, | 3 00 | Caleb Lincoln, | 27 50 |
| Michael Sweeney, | 5 00 | Cummins L. Lothrop, | 30 72 |
| Martin Beal, | 7 00 | Caleb F. Nichols, | 31 25 |
| Lot Bates, | 48 00 | Matthew Mulvey, | 2 00 |
| Timothy L. Burbank, | 11 00 | Frank J. Damon, | 30 88 |
| Isaiah Lincoln, | 3 00 | A. H. Tower, | 6 88 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, | 15 00 | Almshouse men and teams, | 1,709 00 |
| Thomas M. Smith, | 203 00 | | |

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| | $4,172 20 |
| Deduct Almshouse amount, | 1,709 00 |
| | $2,463 20 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | $4,000 00 |
| " paid on appropriation, . . . . . | 2,463 20 |
| " less " . . . . . | $1,536 80 |

## LOCKUP.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Antone L. Joseph, labor, . . . . . | $ 34 00 |
| Bela Stoddard, " . . . . . | 24 00 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, " . . . . . | 71 00 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, " . . . . . | 40 00 |
| Thomas Willcutt, " . . . . . | 19 50 |
| Elijah N. Barker, labor and stock, . . | 14 85 |
| Samuel Bates, " " . . . . | 31 04 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . . | $234 39 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | $234 39 |
| Paid Samuel N. Lincoln, labor, . . . . | 6 00 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., brick, lumber, &c., | 158 31 |
| L. M. Ham & Co., doors, &c., . . . . | 64 00 |
| John B. Souther, furniture, . . . . . | 20 15 |
| Charles F. Tilden, iron bars, . . . . | 3 00 |
| South Shore Railroad, freight, . . . . | 72 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, . . . . . | 9 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, . . . . . | 7 50 |
| | $503 07 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 500 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, . . . | $3 07 |

## ABATEMENT OE TAXES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1872, . . . . . | $ 85 85 |
| " " " 1873, . . . . . | 14 00 |
| " " " 1874, . . . . . | 135 10 |
| " " " 1875, . . . . . | 181 38 |
| | $416 33 |

## DOANE STREET.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid McGough & Stetson, on account, . . . . | $1,218 54 |
| Isaiah Lincoln, labor, . . . . . | 15 00 |
| " " surveying for county, . . . | 30 00 |
| Daniel N. Tower, " " . . | 6 00 |
| | $1,269 54 |

## TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, Superintendant of Schools, . | $200 00 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, Selectman, . . . . . | 65 00 |
| " " Assessor, . . . . . | 125 00 |
| " " Services and expenses on Bank and Corporation taxes, . . . . . | 34 60 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | $424 60 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $424 60 |
| Paid Louis N. Lincoln, Selectman, | 65 00 |
| " " Assessor, | 125 00 |
| " " Expenses as Assessor, | 6 40 |
| Philander Bates, Selectman, | 50 00 |
| " " Assessor, | 100 00 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer and Collector, | 200 00 |
| Newcomb B. Tower, Town Clerk, | 40 00 |
| | $1,011 00 |
| Amount appropriated, | 1,000 00 |
| Amount paid over appropriation, | $11 00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Michael O'Cornell, labor on Straits' Pond Dam, | $12 00 |
| John Cronican, " " " | 12 00 |
| Benj. F. Morse, " " " | 6 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, chains for gates, | 3 00 |
| D. O. Wade, labor and stock, | 17 00 |
| James S. Beal, tending gates, | 20 00 |
| Alms-House, men and team, | 36 00 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 15 28 |
| | $121 28 |
| Deduct for Alms-House, | 36 00 |
| | $85 28 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid James L. Vialle, travellers, | $7 00 |
| Tower & Doane, distributing reports, | 6 00 |
| John L. Pratt and others, flag staff, | 6 00 |
| Michael Sweeney, watching fire, | 75 |
| S. S. Scranton, book, | 4 50 |
| William L. Pratt, rope for Cemetery, | 1 50 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $25 75 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | $25 75 |
| Paid Allen C. Bates, salary, sealer of weights & measures, | 50 00 |
| David W. Whitcomb, return of deaths, . . | 2 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairing hearse, . . . | 1 00 |
| Samuel D. Tower, " " . . | 50 |
| Charles F. Tilden, " pump, . . . | 2 00 |
| Lot Bates, entertainment of County Commissioners, | 3 50 |
| Charles A. Gross, stationary, books and postage, | 39 36 |
| Thomas M. Smith, horse hire for Assessors, . | 13 50 |
| " " " " School Committee, | 47 50 |
| " " " " Constable, . | 2 50 |
| " " labor, &c., Cemetery, . | 18 50 |
| " " carting stoves, . . . | 1 00 |
| " " return of deaths, . . | 10 50 |
| Daniel W. Pratt, painting guide boards, . . | 14 10 |
| Peter C. Kimball, entertainment of County Commissioners and others,. . . . . | 35 00 |
| Henry W. Beal, expressing, . . . . | 15 20 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., halyards for flag staff, | 1 79 |
| " " " guide posts, . . | 2 40 |
| " " " cemetery, . . | 67 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, Commissions on taxes, . | 12 92 |
| " " state aid and expenses, . | 6 00 |
| " " Constable and truant officer, . | 45 00 |
| " " posting notices and warrants, | 6 00 |
| " " opening hall and tending town meeting, . . . . | 6 00 |
| " " care of lockup and providing for 51 tramps, . . | 38 25 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock and bell, . . | 30 00 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, guide boards, . . . | 22 50 |
| Newcomb B. Tower, books and stationery, . | 3 50 |
| " " return of births, deaths and marriages, . . . . . | 40 50 |
| John L. Pratt, constable and watchman, . . | 48 00 |
| Andrew W. Williams, constable and watchman, | 103 00 |
| " " notifying town officers, | 4 00 |
| " " under dog warrant, . . | 5 00 |
| Zaccheus Rich, constable and watchman, . | 113 00 |
| Alfred Beal, " " " . . | 20 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | $790 44 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $790 44 |
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, state aid and expenses, | 10 00 |
| " " taking names and ages of children, | 12 00 |
| | $812 44 |
| Amount appropriated, | 800 00 |
| Amount paid over appropriation, | $12 44 |
| Amount appropriated for interest, | $1400 00 |
| Amount appropriated for discount, | 1400 00 |
| | $2800 00 |
| Amount paid for interest and discount, | 2699 06 |
| Amount paid less than the appropriation, | $100 94 |
| Amount of unpaid taxes for 1872, | $45 30 |
| " " " 1873, | 214 17 |
| " " " 1874, | 410 85 |
| " " " 1875, | 1121 53 |
| | $1791 85 |

## Amount Expended over Appropriation.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Fire Department and Printing, | $ 3 79 |
| " Removing Snow, | 376 89 |
| " Repairs on School Houses, | 59 82 |
| " Lockup, | 3 07 |
| " Town Officers, | 11 00 |
| " Miscellaneous, | 12 44 |
| " Support of Poor, | 964 40 |

## Amount Expended without an Appropriation.

| | |
|---|---|
| For School Books, | 120 49 |
| " State Aid, | 534 00 |
| " Town Hall, | 184 30 |
| " Abatement of Taxes, | 416 33 |
| " Doane Street, | 1269 54 |
| " Board of Health, | 85 28 |
| | $4041 35 |

### Balance of Appropriations Unexpended.

| | |
|---|---|
| On Road and Bridges, | $181 62 |
| " Highways, | 1536 80 |
| " Interest and Discount, | 100 94 |

### Amount Received from other Sources.

| | |
|---|---|
| From Corporation and Bank Tax, for 1875, | $2417 52 |
| " Town Hall, | 45 00 |
| " James Dady, Support of wife, | 200 75 |
| " Rent of Rooms, Harbor School-House, | 60 00 |
| | $4542 63 |
| Amount expended as above, | 4041 35 |
| Balance in favor of the Town, | $501 28 |

## RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Department and Printing, | $403 79 |
| Removing Snow, | 776 89 |
| Support of Schools, | 5900 00 |
| School Books, | 120 49 |
| State Aid, | 534 00 |
| State and County Tax, | 4373 09 |
| Expenditures on School Houses, | 559 82 |
| Town Hall, | 184 30 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 518 38 |
| Highways, | 2463 20 |
| Lockup, | 503 07 |
| Abatement of Taxes, | 416 33 |
| Doane Street, | 1269 54 |
| Town Officers, | 1011 00 |
| Board of Health | 85 28 |
| Miscellaneous, | 812 44 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1310 12 |
| Interest on Debt and hired Money, | 1388 94 |
| Orders to Overseers of the Poor, | 5659 30 |
| | $28,289 98 |

# FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

February 1, 1876.

FUNDED DEBT AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.: —

| | |
|---|---|
| Cohasset Saving Bank, four Notes due April 1, 1877, 8, 9, 80, . . . . . | $4,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES, VIZ.: —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., | one Note, . . | 1,000 00 |
| Morgan B. Stetson, | one " . . | 250 00 |
| Martha T. Bates, balance, | one " . . . | 1,600 00 |
| Hingham National Bank, | two " . . | 5,000 00 |
| Zenas D. Lincoln, | one " . . . | 1,200 00 |
| Franklin J. Damon, | one " . . | 1,000 00 |
| Abraham H. Tower, | one " . . . | 600 00 |
| | | $14,650 00 |
| Heirs of J. O. Lawrence, unpaid Order, 1874, | | 350 00 |
| | | $15,000 00 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from State, for State Aid, . . . . . | $ 578 50 |
| " " Town of Hull, for Schooling, . . | 140 00 |
| " " " " Repairs at Straits' Pond, | 321 76 |
| " " " " Support of Poor, . . | 246 00 |
| " " John J. Lothrop, Support of Son, . | 529 85 |
| " " Lot Willcutt, . . . . . | 110 46 |
| " " Thomas F. Richardson, on Bridge, . | 25 00 |
| " " Town of Scituate, Support, Betsey Brown, | 18 00 |
| " " County of Norfolk, Doane Street, . . | 167 50 |
| Balance in Treasury, . . . . . | 1,132 29 |
| | $3,269 36 |
| Amount of Debt, February 1, 1876, . . | $15,000 00 |
| Amount of Assets, " " " . . . | 3,269 36 |
| Actual Debt, . . . . . | $11,730 64 |
| Reduction of Actual Debt, . . . . | 1,768 20 |

Respctfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year ending February 1, 1876.

## Almshouse Account.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand February 1st, 1875, | $2,463 90 |
| Paid Joseph Smith, grain, | 140 39 |
| Galen James, wood, | 30 00 |
| Nancy Nichols, labor, | 102 00 |
| Thomas Kingsley, labor, | 215 00 |
| George Sargent, labor, | 186 00 |
| Augustus A. Blaney, Salary as keeper of Almshouse, and Surveyor of Highways, | 650 00 |
| Augustus A. Blaney, sundry bills paid, | 18 14 |
| Ezra Brown, grain and groceries, | 290 21 |
| Samuel Bates, tinware and other ware, | 21 11 |
| Massachusetts Ploughman, | 2 50 |
| Robert P. Burbank, repairing sled, | 3 00 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., flour and groceries, | 113 71 |
| Marcia D. Tower, grass, | 20 00 |
| Samuel G. James, hogs, | 24 00 |
| Charles H. Willard, groceries, | 43 34 |
| Charles F. Tilden, cart body and repairs, | 74 52 |
| Samuel D. Power, repairs on wagons, | 4 00 |
| Charles A. Gross, groceries, | 145 11 |
| Thomas Beal, repairs harnesses, | 2 75 |
| James H. Nichols, groceries, | 118 85 |
| Martin Lincoln, teaming, | 17 50 |
| Samuel Mair, wood, | 9 00 |
| Elisha Lincoln, labor, | 8 22 |
| William O. Souther, squashes, | 2 04 |
| Isaac S. Pratt, apples, | 1 50 |
| Hosea B. Orcutt, burial of Wm. Morris, | 3 00 |
| John Taylor, fish, | 20 11 |
| William F. Thayer, meat, | 51 54 |
| Edward P. Hamilton, repairing cart, | 8 18 |
| Daniel W. Pratt, labor and stock, | 10 26 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, whitewashing, | 4 25 |
| Frank J. Damon, blacksmithing, | 48 95 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $4,853 08 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | $4,853 08 |
| David W. Whitcomb, vegetables, . . . | 4 00 |
| Philander Bates, boots and shoes, . . . | 11 25 |
| Gustavus P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 15 00 |
| Edward E. Ellms, tools and medicine, . . | 11 10 |
| Bourne & Nicherson, meats, . . . . | 147 82 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber and coal, . | 125 60 |
| Edward E. Tower, wood, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Abraham H. Tower, use of stock, . . | 4 00 |
| Philip Fox, labor and carting, . . . . | 21 50 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . . . | 35 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, services, . . . . | 35 00 |
| Philander Bates, services, . . . . | 20 00 |
| Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, . . . . | 6 25 |
| | $5,293 60 |

## Stock at Almshouse, February 1, 1876

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Horses, | $400 00 | ½ Ton Salt Hay, | $5 00 |
| 2 Cows, | 130 00 | Lot of Manure, | 84 00 |
| 20 Hens, | 16 00 | ½ Cord Hard Wood, | 4 00 |
| 8 Turkeys, | 16 00 | 4 " Pine " | 20 00 |
| 1 Express Wagon, | 100 00 | 2 " Trash " | 8 00 |
| 1 Farm " | 85 00 | Stoves and Fixtures, | 75 00 |
| 1 Hay " | 20 00 | Household Furniture, | 350 00 |
| 1 Open " | 5 00 | Wooden Ware, &c., | 30 00 |
| 2 Horse Carts, | 120 00 | Cutlery and Spoons, | 10 50 |
| 1 Horse Sled, | 15 00 | Queen and Glassware, | 25 00 |
| 1 Harrow, | 6 00 | Tin, Earthen & Stone Ware, | 50 00 |
| 2 Ploughs, | 10 00 | 300 Pounds Salt Pork, | 45 00 |
| 2 Wagon Harnesses, | 35 00 | 150 " Hams & Shoulders, | 21 00 |
| 2 Cart " | 35 00 | 25 " Fresh Pork, | 3 75 |
| 1 Sled " | 12 00 | 40 " Lard, | 6 67 |
| 2 Carriage Robes, | 6 00 | 40 " Butter, | 16 00 |
| Chains, | 10 00 | Groceries, | 45 00 |
| Drills, Hammers, &c., | 25 00 | 50 Gallons Vinegar, | 12 50 |
| Carpenter's Tools. | 4 25 | 50 Bushels Potatoes, | 37 50 |
| Saws, Axes and Hatchets, | 10 00 | Other Vegetables, | 6 25 |
| Paint Brushes, Lead and Oil, | 5 00 | ½ Barrel Flour, | 4 50 |
| Grind Stone, | 2 00 | Grain and Bags, | 4 50 |
| Farming Tools, | 40 00 | | |
| Casks and Barrels, | 18 00 | | $2,114 42 |
| 5 Tons English Hay, | 125 00 | | |

### Almshouse Account of Sales and Labor.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Town of South Abington, for Joshua Cook & Family, | | $125 50 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, one hog and calves, | | 42 48 |
| Clarence Litchfield, milk, | | 60 48 |
| Town of Hull, board of paupers, | | 246 00 |
| Labor, removing snow, men and teams, | | 65 00 |
| " on roads and Bridges, men and teams, | | 199 00 |
| " on Highways " " | | 1,709 00 |
| " on Strait's Pond Dam, " " | | 36 00 |
| | | $2,483 46 |
| Amount of stock on hand, | $2,114 42 | |
| " " sales and labor, | 2,483 46 | |
| | $4,597 88 | |
| Debit brought forward, | | $5,293 60 |
| Credit " " | | 4,597 88 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, | | $695 72 |
| Expenses of inmates at the Almshouse, 177 weeks, at $3.93 $\frac{11}{177}$ per week, amounts to | | $695 72 |

## SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE,

### For the Year Ending February 1st, 1876.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid State Lunatic Hospital for David Willcutt, | $206 65 |
| " " Josephine E. Bates, | 185 45 |
| " " John J. Lothrop, | 198 60 |
| " " Elizabeth J. Dady, | 200 80 |
| " " William Kilburn, | 205 85 |
| " " William Taylor, | 191 20 |
| " " Lot Willcutt, | 51 75 |
| | $1,240 30 |

### Assistance to Joseph P. Wheelwright and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Daniel J. Bates, groceries, | $104 00 | |
| Lot Bates, wood, | 57 50 | |
| Isaac S. Pratt, wood, | 15 25 | |
| Ezra Brown, clothing, | 14 20 | |
| | | $190 95 |

### Assistance to David Vinal and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, groceries, . . | $156 00 | |
| James H. Nichols, groceries, . . | 6 88 | |
| William O. Souther, wood, . . | 12 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co , wood, . . . | 4 00 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meat, . . | 26 84 | |
| Gustavus P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 10 00 | |
| | | $215 72 |

### Assistance to Albert F. Barnes, Wife and two Children.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid City of Somerville, . . . . . | $20 82 |

### Assistance to Mercy Pratt.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mary Pratt, board and nursing, . | $90 00 | |
| Gustavus P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 30 00 | |
| | | $120 00 |

### Assistance to John Silvia.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid City of Gloucester, . . . . . | $151 55 |

### Assistance to Joshua Cook, Wife and five Children.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James H. Nichols, groceries, . . | $40 00 | |
| C. E. West & Co., groceries, . . | 2 59 | |
| | | $42 59 |

### Assistance to Isaac H. Tower, Wife and five Children.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries and flour, | $59 22 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . . | 4 55 | |
| Gustavus P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 8 00 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, medicine, . . | 3 10 | |
| | | $74 87 |

### Assistance to Susan Orcutt.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Phineas G. Brown, board, . . . . . | $54 00 |

### Assistance to Antoine F. Bandura, Wife and two Children.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . | $27 87 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, milk, . . | 14 48 | |
| Gustavus P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 15 00 | |
| | | $57 35 |

ASSISTANCE TO MARY A. HOWARD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Beal, board, . . . . . | | $48 00 |

ASSISTANCE TO SARAH EVERETT AND THREE CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, groceries, . . . | $87 77 | |
| Edwin Bates, wood, . . . . | 13 63 | |
| | | $101 40 |

ASSISTANCE TO HARRISON HENRY, WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal and groceries, . | | $45 20 |

ASSISTANCE TO FLORIPHA GOMES AND THREE CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . . | $5 00 | |
| David W. Whitcomb, digging grave, | 3 00 | |
| Gustavus P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 15 00 | |
| Thomas M. Smith, burial expenses, . | 19 25 | |
| | | $42 25 |

ASSISTANCE TO EDWARD H. ARNOLD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Edwin Bates, wood, in 1874, . . . . . | | $4 00 |

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. GEORGE POWERS AND FIVE CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Medford, . . . . . | | $12 19 |
| Paid City of Boston, for Sarah P. Joy, . | $44 10 | |
| " " Elizabeth J. Nichols, | 41 50 | |
| " " John C. Orcutt, . | 16 38 | |
| " " Eunice C. Sterling, | 66 38 | |
| " " Mary Kent & children, | 22 00 | |
| | | $190 36 |
| William W. Studley, board of Betsey Brown, | | 18 00 |
| George W. White, Jr. for Lot Willcutt, . . | | 9 50 |

ASSISTANCE TO STEPHEN T. SHERMAN, WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Alex. T. Prouty, groceries, . . | $20 02 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meat, . . . | 5 00 | |
| | | 25 02 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop services and expense, . . | | 75 40 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, services and expense, . . . | | 66 40 |
| Philander Bates, services and expense, . . | | 19 30 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $2,825 17 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | | $2,825 17 |
| *Cr.* | | |
| By amount due from John J. Lothrop, | $198 60 | |
| " " James Dady, . | 200 80 | |
| " " Lot Willcutt, . . | 61 25 | |
| " " Town of So. Abington, Joshua Cook, . | 42 59 | |
| " " State, for Mrs. Gomes, | 35 25 | |
| " " Town of Scituate, Betsey Brown, . . | 18 00 | |
| | | 556 49 |
| | | $2,268 68 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount of expenses at Almshouse, . . . | $695 72 |
| " " outside, . . . . | 2,268 68 |
| " " Support of Poor, . . | $2,964 40 |
| " Appropriated, . . . . . | 2,000 00 |
| " Paid over appropriation, . . . | $964 40 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES,
} *Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

## ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED THE ENSUING YEAR.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of debt, . . . . . | $1,000 00 |
| Payment of interest, . . . . . | 1,200 00 |
| Discount on taxes, . . . . . | 1,200 00 |
| Support of poor, . . . . . | 2,500 00 |
| Support of schools, . . . . . | 5,000 00 |
| Removing snow, . . . . . | 400 00 |
| Roads and bridges, . . . . . | 700 00 |
| Repairs of school houses, . . . . | 400 00 |
| Repairs of highways, . . . . . | 3,000 00 |
| Town officers, . . . . . | 1,000 00 |
| Printing and Fire department, . . . . | 400 00 |
| Town house and Board of Health, . . | 100 00 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 800 00 |
| | $17,700 00 |

## LIST OF JURORS.

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be accepted or rejected by the Town at its Annual Town Meeting, March 6th, 1876.

Washington Brown,
Edwin Bates,
Herbert O. Beal,
David P. Beal,
John Bates,
Philander Bates,
Rufus Bates, Jr.
Louis T. Cushing,
Horace J. Damon,
Edward E. Ellms,
Stephen D. Farrar,
Philip Fox,
Squire S. Gove,
Alex W. Hayden,
Daniel Hudson, Jr.
Franklin Stoddard,
Newcomb B. Tower,
Charles F. Tilden,
Galen James,
Peter C. Kimball,
J. Loring Litchfield,
Isaiah Lincoln,
Elisha Lincoln,
Louis N. Lincoln,
Levi L. Nichols,
George K. Nickerson,
James Pettee,
Aaron Pratt,
John L. Pratt,
Samuel E. Pratt,
Ziba C. Small,
Joseph H. Smith,
Henry Snow,
Otis S. Wilbur,
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.

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### List of Jurymen drawn during the Year 1875–76

| | |
|---|---|
| March 22, | Ezra Towle. |
| March 29, | Edwin Souther. |
| April 15, | David S. G. Doane. |
| August 30, | Alden Beal. |
| Sept. 20, | Israel C. Vinal. |
| Oct. 14, | Daniel N. Tower. |
| Nov. 30, | Charles A. Cousens. |
| Dec. 17, | James J. Tower. |
| Feb. 2, | Daniel J. Bates. |

## TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*Dr.*

### High School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1875–6. | | |
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $1,237 50 | |
| Assistants, . . . . . | 722 50 | |
| | | $1,960 00 |
| H. Collier, Jr., preparing fuel, . . | 3 60 | |
| S. J. Hayden, " " . | 1 50 | |
| H. Collier, Jr., care of fires and rooms, | 4 40 | |
| A. H. Olmsted, " " " | 10 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . . | 68 88 | |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord wood, . . | 5 50 | |
| | | 93 88 |
| | | $2,053 88 |

### Jerusalem School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| A. H. Lawrence, care of fire and room, | 1 50 | |
| Teacher, " " " | 7 50 | |
| David Beal, wood and labor on do. | 58 74 | |
| | | 67 74 |
| | | $407 74 |

### North Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | 620 00 |
| J. P. Mulvey, preparing fuel, . . | $1 00 | |
| J. McCormick, preparing fuel, . | 10 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, 3½ cords wood, . . | 28 50 | |
| E. E. Tower, 1 " " . | 5 50 | |
| Teachers, care of fires and rooms, . | 6 00 | |
| | | 51 00 |
| | | $671 00 |

### Centre Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel G. James, 1 cord wood, . | 6 00 | |
| Willie Mulvey, labor on " . | 5 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . . | 39 83 | |
| Teachers, care of fires and rooms, . | 6 00 | |
| Henry T. P. Bates, care of fires and rooms to May, '75, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| | | 60 83 |
| | | $680 83 |

SOUTH SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | 620 00 |
| F. H. Pratt, labor on wood, . . | 3 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson, 1 cord wood, . . | 6 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . . | 42 26 | |
| Teachers, care of fires and rooms, . | 6 00 | |
| F. H. Pratt, " " " to May, '75, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| | | 61 26 |
| | | $681 26 |

BEECHWOODS SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School teacher, . . . | $427 50 | |
| Primary " " . . | 278 00 | |
| | | $705 50 |
| L. W. Bates, 7 cords wood, and labor on same, . . . . . | 78 00 | |
| Teachers, care of fires and rooms, . | 6 00 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, care of fires and rooms to May, '75, . . . | 4 00 | |
| | | 88 00 |
| | | $793 50 |

HARBOR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $280 00 |
| " care of fires and room, . . | $3 00 | |
| T. A. Rich, " " to May, '75, | 2 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . | 18 50 | |
| | | 23 50 |
| | | $303 50 |

### Perkins School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $196 00 |

### King Street School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $300 00 |
| Geo. A. Burbank, care of fires, . | $ 6 00 | |
| E. James, labor on wood, . . . | 5 50 | |
| Mrs. M. J. Williston, cleaning room, | 3 00 | |
| Teacher, care of fires and room, . | 3 00 | |
| Galen James, 3 cords wood, . . | 24 00 | |
| | | 41 50 |
| | | $341 50 |

### Miscellaneous.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. Williams & Co., Lippincott's Gazetteer, and 2 Worcester's Dictionaries, | $15 20 | |
| J. L. Hammett, globes and maps, . | 18 00 | |
| A. C. Stockin, Swinton's Language Lessons, . . . . . | 3 24 | |
| Knight, Adams & Co., botanies, . . | 9 00 | |
| E. Bates, tuning piano, . . . | 4 00 | |
| | | 49 44 |
| Aggregate of payments brought forward, | | 6,178 65 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . | | 467 32 |
| | | $6,645 97 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By unexpended balance of last year, . | $98 85 | |
| Town appropriation, . . . . | 5,900 00 | |
| Town of Hull, schooling children, . | 139 20 | |
| Massachusetts School Fund, . . | 237 64 | |
| County of Norfolk, dog licenses, . | 209 38 | |
| Interest from the Ripley School Fund, | 60 90 | |
| | | 6,645 97 |

L. N. BATES,

*Treasurer of School Committee.*

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1875–6.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's orders drawn to date, | $14,367 | 50 |
| Assesors' orders for Abatement of taxes, | 416 | 33 |
| State Aid to sundry Families, | 534 | 00 |
| Town's appropriation for Schools. | 5,900 | 00 |
| Other items for School account, | 647 | 12 |
| Discount on taxes paid to Sept. 1, 1875, | 1,310 | 12 |
| State Tax for 1875, | 2,600 | 00 |
| County Tax for 1875, | 1,773 | 09 |
| Martha T. Bates, on acct. demand note, | 100 | 00 |
| Cohasset Mut. Fire Ins. Co., " " Jan. 1, '70, | 600 | 00 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., " " Feb. 7, '73, | 1,000 | 00 |
| Est. Newcomb Bates, funded note due April 1, '75, | 500 | 00 |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, " " April 1, '75, | 1,000 | 00 |
| " " " " April 1, '76, | 1,000 | 00 |
| " " demand note of 1871, | 4,500 | 00 |
| " " " " 1874, | 1,500 | 00 |
| " " hired money, 1875. | 4,500 | 00 |
| Hingham National Bank, " " 1875, | 7,000 | 00 |
| Interest on Town's Notes, | 1,388 | 94 |
| | $50,137 | 10 |
| Balance in Treaury, | $1,132 | 29 |
| | $51,269 | 39 |

COHASSET, Feb. 5, 1876.

## A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

1875–6.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury from former account, | 1,313 | 33 |
| Received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax, 1874, | 13 | 99 |
| " " " " " 1875, | 1,298 | 60 |
| " " " National Bank, 1875, | 1,104 | 93 |
| " " " State Aid, 1875, | 586 | 00 |
| " " " State Paupers, 1875, | 35 | 25 |
| " " " Income of Mass. School Fund, 1875, | 237 | 64 |
| " County Tresaurer, on account Dog Licences, 1875, | 209 | 38 |
| " Town of Hull, schooling of Children, 1874, | 139 | 20 |
| " Town of So. Abington, supplies to Joshua Cook, | 168 | 09 |
| " James Dady, for support of wife in 1874–75, | 401 | 55 |
| " John J. Lothrop, on acct. support of son, | 100 | 00 |
| " L. N. Lincoln, for income of Town Hall, | 45 | 00 |
| " Rent of offices in Harbor School House, '75, | 60 | 00 |
| " Aug. A. Blaney, sales from Alms-House, | 60 | 48 |
| " Bourne & Nickerson, stock from " | 42 | 48 |
| " Interest of Ripley Fund, | 60 | 90 |
| " Sundry old unpaid orders, refunded, | 17 | 62 |
| " Heirs, J. O. Lawrence, outstanding order, 1874, | 350 | 00 |
| " Abraham H. Tower, hired money, | 600 | 00 |
| " Franklin J. Damon, " " | 1,000 | 00 |
| " Zenas D. Lincoln, " " | 1,200 | 00 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, | 4,500 | 00 |
| " Hingham National Bank, " " | 12,000 | 00 |
| " Amount of Tax List, 1875. | 25,724 | 95 |
| | $51,269 | 39 |

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

# CENTENNIAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET.

| Year. | Valuation. | No. of Polls. | Tons of Vessels. | No. of Houses. | No. of Horses. | No. of Oxen. | No. of Cows and Steers. | No. of Sheep. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1781 | £*2120-3-6 | 158 | 25 | 108 | 52 | 48 | 338 | 817 |
| 1791 | £*1766-7-11 | 195 | 893 | 120 | 44 | 54 | 250 | |
| 1801 | $*7942.64 | 175 | 578 | 129 | 56 | 76 | 273 | |
| 1811 | $*10.652.22 | 207 | 1586 | 142 | 44 | 68 | 270 | |
| 1821 | $*11.869.18 | 272 | 1876½ | 156 | 44 | 86 | 279 | |
| 1831 | $250.115.05 | 311 | 1634 | 191½ | 53 | 107 | 338 | 550 |
| 1840 | $306.717.00 | 333 | 3214 2-95 | 220 5-6 | 59 | 80 | 317 | 645 |
| 1850 | $746.872.68. | 428 | 3033⅔ | 285¾ | 100 | 92 | 287 | 224 |
| 1860 | $1.018.224.00 | 443 | 2679 | 353 | 116 | 57 | 308 | 106 |
| 1870 | $1.766.360.00 | 564 | **1311 14-100 | 449 | 151 | 46 | 321 | 245 |
| 1875 | $2.328.060.00 | 614 | **1236 88-100 | 499 | 207 | 15 | 211 | 74 |

* Valuation of Income. ** New measurement.

## Population of Cohasset at various dates during the last 100 years.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1776—754 | 1820—1099 | 1860—1953 |
| 1790—817 | 1830—1233 | 1870—2130 |
| 1800—849 | 1840—1471 | 1875—2203 |
| 1810—994 | 1850—1775 | |

On the First day of May, 1875, there were in the Town of Cohasset,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Person over 90 years of age, | Aged 95 years. |
| 20 | Persons, | between 80 and 90 years of age. |
| 85 | Persons, | between 70 and 80 years of age. |
| 151 | Persons, | between 60 and 70 years of age. |
| 175 | Persons, | between 50 and 60 years of age. |

# LIST OF

# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

## Registered in Cohasset for the Year, 1875.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

### MARRIAGES.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residence. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 2, | James Denithorne<br>Emma Crocker | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 5, | Samuel N. Thayer<br>Maggie L. Cusick | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| " 12, | Matthew Healy<br>Mary Mulcahy | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev H. P. Smyth. |
| " 12, | James Dalton<br>Maggie Ryan | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. H. P. Smyth. |
| " 12, | Joseph Sylvia<br>Caroline L. Tower | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Jas. O. Thompson. |
| " 31, | Anthony Griffen<br>Bridget Healy | Boston<br>Cohasset | Married at E. Boston by Rev. L. P. McCarthy. |
| Feb. 16, | Abner N. Bates<br>Ruth N. Clapp | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| " 27, | Howard Bouviere<br>Alice P. Farrow | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Mar. 14, | Franklin Beal<br>Harriet A. Tirrell | Cohasset<br>Hingham | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Jas. O. Thompson. |
| April 12, | Manual S. Enos<br>Alice Antoine | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| May 3, | Stillman H. Willis<br>Clara F. Lincoln | Boston<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| " 16, | Charles H. Litchfield<br>Eliza J. Bushnell | Cohasset<br>No. Hanson. | Married at Hanson by Rev. S. L. Rockwood. |
| " 26, | Anthony Clarke<br>Susan A. Keneilly | Cohasset<br>" | Married at E. Weymouth by Rev. H. P. Smyth. |
| June 26, | Daniel Desmond<br>Mary Mulcahy | Cohasset<br>" | Married at Weymouth by Rev. H. P. Smyth. |
| Aug. 5, | Edmund S. Studley<br>Jessie A. Lawrence | Hingham<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Sept. 2, | David P. Beal<br>Evelyn A. Cobb | Cohasset<br>Hull | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Jas. O. Thomson. |

MARRIAGES.—Continued.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residence. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 22, | Frank L. Parker<br>Lizzie L. Cutting | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Oct. 21, | Edward Lynch<br>Catherine J. Keneilly | Boston<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. P. J. Leddy. |
| Nov. 14, | Andrew Lynde<br>Susie E. Stewart | Melrose<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 14, | Edward E. Morse<br>Delia Morse | Hingham<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev Jas. O. Thompson. |
| " 25, | Barney Rooney<br>Delia O'Reilly | Cohasset<br>" | Married at Weymouth by Rev. P. J. Leddy. |
| " 25, | Charles E. West<br>Hattie E. Beal | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Jas. O. Thompson. |
| Dec. 20, | Winthrop Knight<br>Mary L. Beal | Hull<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Jas. O. Thompson. |
| " 23, | Joseph H. Souther<br>Mary F. George | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Calvin Lincoln. |

Number of marriages registered in 1875, as above, twenty-four, being the same as in 1874.

Number of Certificates of Intention of Marriage issued during 1875 — twenty-six.

## BIRTHS.

| Date. | NAMES. | Parents' Name. | Place of Birth. | Residence. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1875. | | | | |
| Jan. 1, | Penninnah Foss Howland. | Louis K. F. & Sarah E. | Pleasant St. | Charlestown. |
| " 4, | Walter Clifford Brown | Phineas G. & Mary C. | No. Main St. | Cohasset. |
| " 20, | Mary Miller | Antoine & Mary | Margin St. | " |
| " 20, | William Francis Murphy | Thomas & Mary | Beechwood St. | " |
| " 27, | Thomas Henry McCuen | James & Julia | Jerusalem Rd. | " |
| Feb. 3, | Susan Sweeney | Michael & Norah | No. Main St. | " |
| " 8, | Abbie Eugenia Wentworth. | Edward E. & Mary H. | So. Main St. | " |
| " 13, | John Wesley McCormick | John & Sarah | Pond St. | " |
| " 20, | Emma Jane Reed | William H. & Catherine | King St. | " |
| " 28, | *Grace S. Bates | William H. & Grace E. | King St. | " |
| March 4, | Manuel Sylvia | Joseph F. & Louisa | Margin St. | " |
| " 9, | George Edwin Denithorne. | James & Emma | Margin St. | " |
| " 28, | *Georgiana Bates | D. Frederick & Margaret | Beechwood St. | " |
| " 28, | *Bertie Lee Barnes | Stephen P & Mary | Jerusalem Rd. | " |
| April 3, | Gertrude Hughes | Harry L. & Mary A. | Hull | " |
| " 5, | Thomas Markwick | Matthew & Polsna | Beechwood St. | " |
| " 8, | *Almond J. Priest | Charles J. & Harriet F. | Jerusalem Rd. | " |
| " 16, | Mary Fisher | Frank & Flemona | Elm St. | " |
| " 17, | *Mary G. Prairie | Manuel & Mary S. | Elm St. | " |
| " 25, | Frank Gracia | Manuel & Mary | Border St. | " |
| " 28, | Alice May Clark | Henry W. & Carrie M. | Jerusalem Rd. | Hingham. |
| May 6, | *Minnie A. Hamilton | Edward P. & Sarah E. | Pleasant St. | Cohasset. |

**BIRTHS.—Continued.**

| Date. | NAMES. | Parents' Names. | Place of Birth. | Residence. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1875. | | | | |
| May 20, | Harry Ernest Beal..... | Isaac W. & Eliza L..... | Hull St ..... | Cohasset. |
| June 1. | Willie Joseph ..... | Peter & Mary A.... ..... | Border St..... | " |
| " 16, | Nettie Alberta Tyrer..... | Charles E. & Emma A.... | No. Main St... | " |
| " 16, | Albert Wallace Aineslie... | George E. & Eliza J ..... | Beechwood St.. | " |
| " 22, | Walter Leroy Pratt ..... | John J. A. & Mary F..... | Beechwood St.. | " |
| July 1, | Theodore Fearing Thayer:. | Samuel N. & Maggie L.... | Pleasant St.... | " |
| " 6, | Mary Gertrude Valine..... | Manual P. & Sarah E..... | Margin St..... | " |
| " 11, | Mary Ellen Healy ..... | Matthew & Mary..... | Pleasant St.... | " |
| " 17, | Charles Warren Kittrell... | Charles L. & Sarah J..... | Jerusalem Rd.. | " |
| " 26, | *Mary Ann Desmond ..... | Daniel & Mary..... | Border St..... | " |
| " 31, | Bessie Lord Tower..... | Daniel N. & A. Josephine. | No. Main St... | " |
| Aug. 4, | *Joseph Deutra..... | Joseph & Mary..... | Border St.... | " |
| " 7, | Grace Elizabeth Meade.... | George A. & Alice A..... | No. Main St... | Boston. |
| " 11, | Lizzie Enos Frates ..... | Joseph E. & Mary S..... | Border St..... | Cohasset. |
| " 15, | Mary Sylvia..... | Manuel & Anna..... | Elm St..... | " |
| " 24, | Freddie Enos Martin..... | Frank F. & Mary E..... | Border St..... | " |
| Sept. 3, | Ira Morton Pratt..... | Ira B. & Mary N..... | Beechwood St.. | " |
| " 4, | John Abner Litchfield .... | Joseph W. & Mary J..... | Beechwood St.. | " |
| " 6, | John Powers ..... ... | Edward & Mary..... | No. Main St.... | " |
| Oct. 1, | Mary Sylvia..... | John & Fiver ..... | Margin St..... | " |
| " 3, | James..... | Galen & Hannah..... | King St..... | " |
| " 31, | Sanford Loring Damon.... | Horace J. & Mary F..... | Beechwood St.. | " |
| Nov. 1, | Martha Ethel Tilden..... | Amos E. & Mary E..... | Border St..... | " |
| " 8, | Andrew Barden Moran.... | Andrew & Matilda..... | Pleasant St.... | Somerset. |
| " 15, | Betsey Ann Tower..... | Isaac H. & Betsey A..... | Elm St..... | Cohasset. |
| Dec. 4, | Sarah Helen Roach..... | Thomas & Annie..... | Pleasant St.... | " |
| " 12, | Lillian Florence Enos..... | Manuel S. & Alice..... | Elm St..... | " |
| " 14, | George Atwood Sylvia..... | Manuel & Isabella..... | Church St..... | " |
| " 31, | Edith Pearl Tilden..... | Caleb F. B. & Priscilla.... | Highland Ave. | " |

## Additional Births in 1874, omitted in last report.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1874. | | | | |
| Jan. 16, | *Virdella E. Bogues..... | Henry D. & | Beechwood St . | Cohasset. |
| May 10, | Bertha Carlton Barker.... | Joseph B. & Mary A..... | So. Main St.... | " |
| " 24, | Julia Wiley Treat..... | Sylvanus F. & Harriet L.. | Elm St..... | " |
| Aug. 11, | Mary Gertrude Rooney.... | James Jr. & Delia..... | Margin St..... | " |
| " 22, | James William Sweeney... | James & Honora ..... ... | Summer St.... | " |
| Dec. 8, | John Agevado Frates ..... | Manuel A. & Rose ..... | Border St ..... | " |

* In the list of Deaths, also.

There were fifty-one births in this town during the year 1875, twenty-five males and twenty-six females — as per list above.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| American parentage, . . . | 23 | |
| American and foreign parentage, . | 12 | |
| Foreign parentage . . . | 16 | —51 |

## DEATHS.

| Date. | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 20, | Adaline A. Hollis | 33 | 9 | | Dropsy | No. Main St. |
| " 24, | Alfred W. Lincoln | 31 | 10 | | Typhoid Pneumonia | Elm St. |
| " 26, | Sage Nichols | 77 | 9 | | Old Age | JerusalemRoad. |
| Feb. 2, | Martin K. Bailey | 59 | 8 | | Consumption | Border St. |
| " 10, | John Deutra | 18 | | | Pleurisy Fever | " |
| Mar. 8, | Mary A. F. Joseph | 48 | 2 | 12 | Paralysis | Margin St. |
| " 8, | Floripha Gomez | 43 | | | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Snow Place. |
| " 20, | Frederick Bates | 67 | 1 | | Pneumonia | Beechwood St. |
| " 27, | Theresa Pratt | 32 | 2 | | Anæmia | Spring St. |
| " 28, | Priscilla N. Farrar | 78 | 9 | 20 | Paralysis | Joy Place. |
| Ap'l. 8, | [1]Clement Milliken | 67 | | | " | Alms House. |
| " 23, | Mary E. Soza | 31 | 6 | | Puerperal Peritonitis | Elm St. |
| " 23, | Sarah S. Pratt | 50 | 11 | | Apoplexy | So. Main St. |
| May 6, | Almond J. Priest | | | 28 | Colic | JerusalemRoad. |
| June 3, | George M. Arnold | 76 | | | General Debility | Beechwood St. |
| " 10, | Samuel Stockbridge | 71 | 2 | | Paralysis | Margin St. |
| July 5, | John E. Souther | | 11 | 7 | Burn | Pond St. |
| " 9, | Georgiana Bates | | 3 | 11 | Brain Fever | Beechwood St. |
| " 24, | Henrietta L. Farrington | 40 | | | Consumption | JerusalemRoad. |
| " 25, | Elenor N. Aineslie | 31 | | | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Margin St. |
| " 29, | Charles V. Silvia | 8 | 9 | | Erysipelas | Atlantic Ave. |
| " 31, | [2]Marion Clarke | 10 | 3 | | Diptheria | JerusalemRoad. |
| Aug. 5, | [3]George E. Adams | 59 | | 19 | Heart Disease | " |
| " 12, | Bertie Lee Barnes | | 2 | 15 | Cholera Infantum | " |
| " 16, | Mary A. Desmond | | | 21 | Diarrhœa | Border St. |
| " 16, | [4]Helen M. Brooks | 2 | 6 | | Dysentery | Atlantic Ave. |
| " 17, | Grace S. Bates | | 5 | 20 | Spinal Meningitis | Pond St. |
| " 18, | Minnie A. Hamilton | | 3 | | Cholera Infantum | Pleasant St. |
| " 23, | Mary G. Prairie | | 4 | 6 | " " | Elm St. |
| " 25, | Joseph Deutra | | | 21 | " " | Border St. |
| " 30, | Patty T. Pratt | 72 | 4 | 4 | Paralysis | Summer St. |
| Sep. 20, | Bethia T. L. Bates | 14 | 11 | | Acute Rheumatism | So. Main St. |
| " 23, | John Silvia | | 11 | | Erysipelas | Margin St. |
| " 26, | Lottie G. Loney | 5 | 2 | | Brain Fever | Pleasant St. |
| " 26, | Mercy Pratt | 88 | 3 | | Debility | Snow Place |
| Oct. 11, | Elias Bourne | 67 | 10 | | Intestinal Cancer | Elm St. |
| " 16, | [5]Mary Tilden | 71 | 5 | | Heart Disease | " |
| " 19, | Betsy Beal | 56 | 9 | | Consumption of Blood | JerusalemRoad. |
| " 27, | John Cronican | 55 | | | Acute Rheumatism | Pleasant St. |
| Nov. 28, | Virdella Bogues | 1 | 10 | 11 | Consumption | Beechwood St. |
| Dec. 21, | Amos Tilden | 69 | 2 | | Congestion of Lungs | Elm St. |

1 Resident of Hull. 2 Resident of Chicago. 3 Resident of Boston.
4 Resident of Cambridge. 5 Resident of Scituate.

The following list contains the names of persons who died in other places, but were buried in this town.

### DEATHS.—(Continued.)

| Date of Death. | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| February 2. | Edith E. Lincoln | | 3 | 11 | Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| " 13. | Grace A. Oakes | 3 | 7 | 13 | Boston. |
| " 14. | Lillie L. Percival | 24 | 7 | | Boston. |
| May 5. | Arthur F. Bruce | 13 | 7 | 7 | Stowe. |
| July 4. | Nichols Tower | 58 | 1 | 12 | Litchfield, Conn. |
| " 27. | Fannie Groce | | | 1 | No. Weymouth. |
| August 1. | Ida M. Dow | | 3 | | Boston. |
| September 12. | Abel Kent | 40 | 10 | | Boston. |
| " 28. | Sarah Lincoln | 75 | 4 | | New Haven, Conn. |
| October 23. | William Hall | 64 | 6 | | Brookline. |
| November 19. | Lucy Willcutt | 82 | 7 | 20 | Wakefield. |

In the above list of deaths in this town during the year 1875, there are forty-one names—four more than during the previous year.

Errors, if any, will be corrected information thereof being given to the Town Clerk.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

## ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

### March 6, 1876.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2 To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law.

Art. 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Support of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Support of Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

Art. 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury?

Art. 6. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and families of the slain.

Art. 7. To hear the report of Selectmen on Guide-boards, and act thereon.

Art. 8. Will the Town accept of the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 9. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next?

Art. 10. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to widen the bridge and raise the grade of the road on Elm Street, or act thereon?

Art. 11. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to raise the grade of the road on Margin Street, or act thereon?

Art. 12. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair or rebuild the bridge at the junction of Elm and Border Streets, in connection with the proprietors of Cove Dam Corporation, or act thereon?

Art. 13. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a sidewalk on Beechwood Street, from South Main Street to the residence of Mrs. E. E. Lincoln?

Art. 14. What action will the Town take in regard to the road in that part of South Main Street near the dwelling-house of Daniel L. Wood?

Art. 15. What action will the Town take in regard to the petition of Ezra Brown, and one hundred and eighteen others, to the County Commissioners, for a new road from North Main Street, opposite King Street, to Jerusalem Road?

Art. 16. What action will the Town take on the order of the County Commissioners, on the petition of A. H. Tower and others for a road from Jerusalem Road to Atlantic Avenue?

Art. 17. What action will the Town take in regard to raising the road on Jerusalem Road, near the Black Rock House?

Art. 18. Will the Town cause the Receiving Tomb to be repaired, or act on anything relating thereto?

Art. 19. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Law-suits of Beal and Groce for damages, and report of Committee on Fish Ways.

Art. 20. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of

money to repair and rail the bridge and road on Beechwood Street, near residence of Aaron Pratt?

Art. 21. Will the Town cause a well to be dug, and a pump put in the same, on the corner of Beechwood and Church Streets, or act thereon?

Art. 22. What action will the Town take in regard to the flowing of Straits Pond?

Art. 23. Will the Town cause a portion of the debt to be funded, or act thereon?

Art. 24. Will the Town cause a post and lantern to be erected in front of Town Hall?

Art. 25. Will the Town cause the sidewalk on the northeast of Summer Street, between the houses of Mrs. J. O. Lawrence and the late S. P. Gove, to be widened, or act thereon?

Art. 26. What action will the Town take in regard to the persons receiving aid from the Overseers of the Poor?

Art. 27. Will the Town make a special appropriation for repairs of Cedar Street, or act thereon?

Art. 28. Will the Town purchase a Fire Engine for the north part of the Town, to be placed on some part of Jerusalem Road, or act thereon?

# REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintendent of Schools respectfully presents to the School Committee the following Report: —

It would seem but the repetition of an old story to say that the schools in Cohasset have been, as a whole, in a better condition the past year than ever before; but not to be able to say this, would leave a necessary inference that there has been serious failure in their success. For not only have they cost more money than ever before, but they have been also better graded, the various branches of study in them have been more systematically pursued, and the numbers of pupils in the different schools have been better arranged. Besides, the school-rooms have been better furnished with black-boards, maps, and books for the use of teachers, making it easier to teach, while the increased experience of the teachers themselves has made them capable of more and better work. And it cannot be doubted that their increased compensation has encouraged them to try to do their best.

During the year, the schools, in every case, have been in a good condition; the order has been satisfactory, and each teacher seems to have labored diligently in the faithful performance of his or her duties. There have been

fewer instances of insubordination and of truancy than usual, and fewer complaints have come to the Superintendent from either parents or teachers. An agent of the Massachusetts Board of Education, who has lately visited all the schools except two, in the town, spending two full days in the schools, spoke in commendation of their condition, and of their comparing favorably with schools in other towns which he has visited.

There have been no changes of teachers in any of the schools except in the High School and the King Street School during the year. And in all the system of instruction which has been gradually adopted has been more or less fully carried out. Children have been kept longer in the Primary schools before entering the Grammar schools, and longer in the Grammar schools before entering the High school, with advantage to all the schools.

In most of the schools the improvement made in reading has been very manifest. In some it has not been so satisfactory. It is a branch of education demanding especial and increased attention, and it is hoped that in the future teachers will try to learn the best methods of teaching the art, and, encouraged by the success that some of them have already achieved, will endeavor to train their pupils to habits of clear and distinct articulation, correct pronunciation, and natural and intelligent expression.

Arithmetic has received proper attention, and great pains have been taken to make the children familiar with elementary principles, and with the most common fundamental processes. In some of the schools the accuracy and quickness with which the children have learned to perform arithmetical operations are highly commendable.

The other common branches of education, such as spelling, writing, geography, and English grammar, have received their proper attention, and have been faithfully taught. The study of grammar has acquired a new interest since the introduction of Swinton's books on Language, and has been pursued more heartily and intelligently, and with greater practical benefit.

Drawing has been introduced into all the schools; and in some of them has been taught with good success. The progress made in the art in the High school is highly creditable, and the skill which the pupils there have acquired will be to them a source of pleasure, and of practical advantage all their lives.

Singing, also, has been practised more or less in all, or nearly all the schools, and the children have been taught to read the notes of music, and to sing by note in some of the schools with much success. Mr. Knight, in the High school, and Misses Martha A. Bates, Susan L. Stoddard, Lizzie C. Bates, and C. M. Whittington have especially taught with success in this way. It is very desirable that every teacher who has any natural capacity for singing should learn the elements and the language of the art, and teach them to their pupils. In Germany, a knowledge of music, and the ability to teach it, are required of every teacher of a common school.

In the following brief notice of the particular schools, the number of pupils stated must be understood as the number belonging to each school at the present time. Continual changes with regard to the members are going on, some schools losing and others gaining.

The Jerusalem school, 26 pupils, has been continued under the charge of Miss Anna Fox. This school

has been rather larger than usual some parts of the year. It has suffered from the irregular attendance of some of the pupils, but has always been in a good condition.

The North Grammar school, 26 pupils, has continued to be taught by Miss Martha A. Bates, and the North Primary, 32 pupils, by Miss Susan L. Stoddard. A class was promoted at the beginning of the school year from the Primary to the Grammar school, which was more advanced in learning than any class which has ever been educated in our Primary schools. The scholars in the class had been through Colburn's First Lessons, and passed a very good examination on its most difficult problems. The first class in the Grammar school is also well advanced, and will be prepared to enter the High school next Fall. Both schools are in an excellent state.

The Centre Grammar school, 29 pupils, taught by Miss Annie A. Souther, and the Centre Primary school, 35 pupils — taught by Miss Lizzie C. Bates, have continued in their usual good condition.

The Harbor School, 36 pupils, has been continued under the care of Miss Charlotte M. Whittington, who has taught it with uninterrupted success. The school contained 50 pupils in the Summer term; as the number was too large for one teacher, the two most advanced classes were taken out, and placed in the Centre and South schools.

The South Grammar school, 36 pupils, has been continued under the charge of Miss Elizabeth D. Tower, and the South Primary, 40 pupils, under the charge of Miss Myra L. Beal. Both of these schools have been in their usual good condition.

Mr. L. Webster Bates has continued to teach the Beechwoods Grammar school, 36 pupils; and Miss Georgianna Bates, the Beechwoods Primary school, 33 pupils. These schools have both been in a good condition, when visited.

The King Street school, 18 pupils, was taught, during the Summer and Fall Terms, by Miss Mary B. Pratt, who resigned her position of teacher, at the close of the fall term. Miss Sarah C. Nichols was appointed in her place Miss Nichols has thus far given satisfaction in her management of the school, and bids fair to become an efficient teacher.

The Perkins school, 12 pupils, taught by Miss Aroline Kimball, was closed last Spring, when the term assigned it was finished. As the Summer private school, which on previous years had succeeded it, was not resumed, and the number of pupils which it was intended to accommodate, was diminished, there was no further need of continuing the school longer, or of opening it again in the fall. The children who have been taught in that school can be taught more advantageously in the North schools where most of them have become pupils.

The High school was continued, under the charge of Mr. W. H. Knight and Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop, and has been in a good condition through the year. The number of pupils at present is 66. There are fewer advanced scholars in the school this winter than usual; but the school is better classified, and the studies are pursued more systematically, and with the prospect of accomplishing more for the school, than ever before. At the close of the fifth week of the Winter term, Mr. Knight resigned his position as Principal of the school, having been chosen Principal of the High school in Hyde Park,

at an increased salary, and Miss Lothrop consented temporarily to take charge of the school, with the assistance of Mr. E. P. Collier, a former pupil of the school, and who has received additional instruction in the Institute of Technology.

Since this change has been made, the good order of the school has been well sustained, and the teaching of the school has been conducted with undiminished interest and efficiency. In my opinion the probability is very strong that the discipline and the improvement in study and learning will be better under the present arrangement than they would be under a new Principal. I would, therefore, recommend the appointing of Miss Lothrop as Principal, with a proper increase of salary, and Mr. Collier as assistant teacher, for the remainder of the school year.

I have expressed satisfaction with all the schools, not for mere form's sake, but because I have felt that all have been doing their work very well. But in this I do not wish to have it inferred that I think any one of the schools perfect, or unsusceptible of great improvement; and I could easily point out great defects, and great hindrances to the highest success. The more teachers improve themselves, the larger and more liberal their culture, the profounder their insight into the minds of their pupils, and their appreciation of their wants, their capacities, and their springs of action; and the more heart and enthusiasm they can put into their work, the more joyous that work will be, and the better they will be able to do it. And never were more or better helps furnished to assist and stimulate teachers for their high office than at present. Popular treatises on Science and Literature procurable at a small cost, the New England Educational

Journal, a publication abounding in instruction and suggestions, and which every teacher ought to take and read, lectures and conventions, where the most important questions of education are discussed by those experienced in the work, and the study of nature so open to an observing eye and mind; all may help to make a thoroughly furnished teacher. The aids afforded by the agents of the Massachusetts Board of Education are valuable. The recent visit of Mr. John Kneeland to our schools, a gentleman of long experience in teaching, and familiar with the wants of teachers and with the best methods of teaching, was well fitted to aid teachers in their work; and his suggestions and practical illustrations of the what to teach and how to teach, were exceedingly valuable. The plan which he is pursuing, of visiting schools in different towns, studying the excellencies and the defects of the various schools, watching the ordinary work of the teachers, and giving hints, and illustrations of teaching, and exemplifying new and better processes, must have a very beneficial influence on both teachers and schools.

As the care of the school buildings has devolved on me, I have tried to keep them in good order. There has been little, if any, wanton injury done to the buildings. The repairs which have been made, have been to remedy the natural deteriorations caused by time, and accidental injuries. Something has been expended in supplying deficiencies, and in providing things necessary for the use and comfort of the schools.

The porch or vestibule which you caused to be built on the back side of the Centre school-house, and which was included in the original plan of the alteration, has proved a great convenience, and has added much to the comfort of the children.

The dispensing with the Perkins school has caused a saving to the town of $200. The resignation of Mr. Knight has diminished somewhat the expense of the High school. These savings, together with an unexpended balance of school money last year, will leave a balance this year of about $450. It is thought that an arrangement may be made by which the expense of the High School may be diminished to the amount of perhaps $500. According to this statement then, it will not be necessary to raise for the support of the schools next year so much by $900, as was raised this year, that is, $5,000, instead of $5,900. It is not intended by this diminished appropriation to do anything to impair the efficiency of the schools, but by the changes which have been indicated, to make a saving so much needed in these times of business depression.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
*Superintendent of Schools in Cohasset.*

MR. LEVI N. BATES,
REV. M. A. STEVENS,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, ESQ.,
} *School Committee.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, FEB. 10, 1876.

The Superintendent submitted his Annual Report, which was unanimously approved, and accepted.

It was voted that the Committee adopt the report submitted by the Superintendent of the Public Schools, and present it to the citizens of Cohasset, as the Report of the School Committee, for the year 1876.

M. A. STEVENS, *Secretary.*

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# Town of Cohasset,

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1877,

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS;

ALSO THE

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

AND

Report of the Votes Cast at the State Election in November, 1876.

BOSTON:
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# Abridged Report of the Annual Town Meeting,

## Held March 6, 1876.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held in the Town Hall, on Monday the Sixth day of March, 1876, in pursuance of a warrant issued in due form of law, action was taken on the several articles in said warrant, as follows: —

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer. Voted to lay the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and the School Committee on the table.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers chosen as follows: —

*For Town Clerk.*

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*For Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES.

*For Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, JR.

*For Highway Surveyors,*

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES, LOUIS T. CUSHING,
RICHARD WELLS.

*For Constables.*

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, ALFRED BEAL,
ANDREW W. WILLIAMS, ISAIAH LINCOLN,
DAVID B. LINCOLN, EZRA BROWN,
JOHN L. PRATT, J. FOSTER DOANE.

*For School Committee for Three Years.*

J. Q. A. Lothrop.

*For Fence Viewers.*

Thomas M. Smith, Adna Bates,
J. Foster Doane.

*For Fire Wards.*

J. Q. A. Lothrop, Philip Fox,
J. Foster Doane, Isaac W. Beal,
Alson S. Richardson.

*For Field Drivers.*

Timothy L. Burbank, Edward E. Ellms,
Frank F. Martin, David B. Lincoln,
A. W. Beal.

*For Surveyors of Lumber.*

Philip Fox and George Bates.

*For Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Edward E. Ellms, Ezra Brown,
Welcome Beal.

*For Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

Thomas J. Browne.

*For Pound Keeper.*

James W. Nichols.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate money, as follows: —

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| For payment of Debt, | $1,000 00 |
| " " " Interest, | 1,200 00 |
| " Discount on Taxes, | 1,200 00 |
| " Support of the Poor, | 2,500 00 |
| " " " Schools, | 5,000 00 |
| " Removing Snow, | 400 00 |
| " Roads and Bridges, | 700 00 |
| " Repairs on School-houses, | 400 00 |
| " " " Highways, | 3,000 00 |
| " Town Officers, | 1,000 00 |
| " Printing and Fire Department, | 400 00 |
| " Miscellaneous, | 800 00 |
| " Constructing Doane Street, | 1,000 00 |
| " Town House and Board of Health, | 100 00 |
| Total, | $18,700 00 |

ARTICLE 5. Voted, that the Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury the same as last year, except that the discount allowed be five per cent instead of six per cent, as then.

ARTICLE 6. Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled soldiers and sailors, and families of the slain.

ARTICLE 7. Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards.

ARTICLE 8. Voted, that the following list of Jurors be accepted.

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| Thomas A. Bates, | Edward E. Ellms, | James Pettee, |
| Adna Bates, | Stephen D. Farrar, | Aaron Pratt, |
| Washington Brown, | Philip Fox, | John L. Pratt, |
| Albert W. Beal, | Alex. W. Hayden, | Samuel E. Pratt, |
| Edwin Bates, | Galen James, | Ziba C. Small. |
| Walter S. Beal, | J. Loring Litchfield, | Joseph H. Smith, |
| Herbert O. Beal, | Isaiah Lincoln, | Henry Snow, |
| David P. Beal, | Elisha Lincoln, | Franklin Stoddard, |
| Philander Bates, | Louis N. Lincoln, | Otis S. Wilbur, |
| Rufus Bates, Jr., | Levi L. Nichols, | L. L. Worrick, Jr., |
| Louis T. Cushing, | George K. Nickerson, | Charles F. Wells. |

ARTICLE 9. Voted, that the Financial Report be printed and distributed in the month of February next. Also, Voted, that in it, all the sums paid for services as Town Officers shall appear under that head. Also, Voted, that it contain a list of all the delinquent taxpayers on the first day of February next.

ARTICLE 10. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for widening the bridge and raising the grade of the road on Elm Street.

ARTICLE 11. Voted, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for improving the road and sidewalk on Margin Street.

ARTICLE 12. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to make such repairs on the bridge at the junction of Elm and

Border Streets as they may deem necessary at the time when the proprietors of Cove Dam Corporation may rebuild or repair the gates of said bridge.

ARTICLE 13. Voted, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for building a sidewalk on Beechwood Street, from South Main Street to the residence of Mrs. E. E. Lincoln, and that it be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyors.

Voted to adjourn this meeting one hour and a half.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

ARTICLE 14. Voted, that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for improvements on the road at that part of South Main Street near the dwelling-house of Daniel L. Wood.

ARTICLE 15. Voted, that the Selectmen appear before the County Commissioners at their hearing on the matter, on the second day of May next, and favor the laying out of a new road from North Main Street to Jerusalem Road as petitioned for by Ezra Brown and one hundred and eighteen others.

ARTICLE 16. Voted, that the Report of the County Commissioners on the Petition of A. H. Tower and others for a new road from Jerusalem Road to Atlantic Avenue be accepted.

ARTICLE 17. Passed over.

ARTICLE 18. Passed over.

ARTICLE 19. The Selectmen report verbally that the lawsuits of Beal and Groce for damages from the flowing of Strait's Pond are not yet adjusted, and the Town, after accepting their report, recommitted the matter to their care.

The Committee on Fish-Ways report verbally that they had been unable to accomplish much, as they were chosen to co-operate with a Committee to be chosen in Scituate for the same purpose, and Scituate failed to choose the Committee,

leaving them without authority to act. This report was accepted, and it was voted that the same Committee continue to serve and to act independently, if no others are chosen to co-operate with them.

Voted, that the "Massachusetts Anglers' Association" have the consent of the Town to stock "Great Pond" with Black Bass, and have control of the same for a limited period.

ARTICLE 20. Passed over.

ARTICLE 21. Voted, that the Selectmen cause a Pump to be placed in the well of Charles H. Wood, and provide a suitable trough for making it a public watering place, said Wood having already given consent to so doing.

ARTICLE 22. Voted, that the Selectmen cause Strait's Pond to be flowed to a height to suit the people owning property around the same, if possible.

ARTICLE 23. Voted, that the Selectmen, with the Treasurer, fund ten thousand dollars of the floating debt of the Town by hiring that amount at a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent per annum, and giving therefor Town notes becoming due at the rate of one thousand dollars each year from 1881 to 1890 inclusive, the interest being payable semi-annually; and to take up demand notes to the said amount.

ARTICLE 24. Voted, that the Selectmen cause a Post and Lantern to be erected in front of the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 25. Passed over.

ARTICLE 26. Voted, that the matter of persons receiving aid from the Overseers of the Poor be left with that board to act according to their best judgment.

ARTICLE 27. Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the repairs of Cedar Street.

ARTICLE 28. Passed over.

Voted, to take up the Second Article.

Voted, to accept the Reports of the Overseers of the Poor and the School Committee.

Voted, that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to

J. Q. A. Lothrop for the impartial and acceptable manner in which he has presided over this meeting.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town, held on Saturday the nineteenth day of August, 1876,

J. Q. A. Lothrop was chosen Moderator.

On the order of the County Commissioners that a new road be built by the Town of Cohasset from North Main Street to Jerusalem Road as petitioned for by Ezra Brown and others, it was voted that said road shall not be built by contract.

Also voted, that a Committee of Three be chosen by nomination to cause said road to be built and completed agreeably to the order of the County Commissioners.

Chose Washington Brown, Richard Wells, and Thomas Bates for that Committee.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire, from time to time as may be required, what money may be needed to pay for building said road.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town held on Saturday the second day of September, 1876,

J. Q. A. Lothrop was chosen Moderator.

Voted, not to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting held August 19, whereby it was voted that a Committee of Three cause the road to be built.

Voted, that the Committee build the road for the best interests of the Town, by letting it out by contract in sections, or the whole, to the lowest bidder, or by day labor, and that said Committee shall employ the teams belonging to the Town.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town, held on Tuesday the seventh day of November, 1876, for the purpose of voting for Presidential Electors, and State, County, and District Officers, the ballots cast were as follows: —

For Presidential Electors.

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| At Large — | Thomas Talbot, of Billerica, | 218 |
| | Stephen Salisbury, of Worcester, | 218 |
| | William Gaston, of Boston, | 121 |
| | Edward Avery, of Braintree, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 1, | Warren Ladd, of New Bedford, | 218 |
| | James D. Thompson, of New Bedford, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 2, | Theodore Dean, of Taunton, | 218 |
| | Samuel N. Dyer, Jr., of South Abington, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 3, | John Felt Osgood, of Boston, | 218 |
| | George P. Baldwin, of Boston, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 4, | Martin Brimmer, of Boston, | 218 |
| | Charles L. Woodbury, of Boston, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 5, | Samuel C. Lawrence, of Medford, | 218 |
| | Alpha E. Thompson, of Woburn, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 6, | George W. Morrill, of Amesbury, | 218 |
| | James V. Smiley, of Haverhill, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 7, | Carroll D. Wright, of Reading, | 218 |
| | James C. Abbott, of Lowell, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 8, | James Russell Lowell, of Cambridge, | 218 |
| | Edwin A. Alger, of Cambridge, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 9, | John C. Whitin, of Northbridge, | 218 |
| | Eli Thayer, of Worcester, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 10, | W. B. C. Parsons, of Holyoke, | 218 |
| | Timothy S. Wilson, of Fitchburg, | 121 |
| Dist. No. 11, | Richard Goodman, of Lenox, | 218 |
| | Cebra Quackenbush, of Pittsfield, | 121 |

For Governor.

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| Alexander H. Rice, of Boston, | 210 |
| Charles Francis Adams, of Quincy, | 121 |
| John I. Baker, of Beverly, | 10 |

For Lieutenant-Governor.

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| Horatio G. Knight, of East Hampton, | 212 |
| William R. Plunkett, of Pittsfield, | 120 |
| Daniel C. Eddy, of Boston, | 9 |

For Representative to Congress.

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| Benjamin W. Harris, of East Bridgewater, | 215 |
| Edward Avery, of Braintree, | 125 |

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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| Henry B. Pierce, of Abington, | 212 |
| Weston Howland, of Fairhaven, | 120 |
| David B. Gurney, of South Abington, | 9 |

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

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|---|---|
| Charles Endicott, of Canton, | 212 |
| David N. Skillings, of Winchester, | 121 |

For Auditor.

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| Julius L. Clarke, of Newton, | 212 |
| John E. Fitzgerald, of Boston, | 120 |
| Jonathan H. Orne, of Marblehead, | 9 |

For Attorney-General.

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|---|---|
| Charles R. Train, of Boston, | 211 |
| Richard Olney, of Boston, | 121 |
| Orin F. Gray, of Hyde Park, | 9 |

For County Commissioner.

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| Galen Orr, of Needham, | 214 |
| James M. Freeman, of Franklin, | 120 |
| Jedediah Dwelley, of Hanover, | 6 |

For County Treasurer.

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| Chauncey C. Churchill, of Dedham, | 214 |
| Samuel Allen, of Walpole, | 120 |
| Andrew Griffith, of Carver, | 6 |

For Clerk of Courts.

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| Erastus Worthington, of Dedham, | 215 |
| Charles G. Chick, of Hyde Park, | 120 |
| William H. Whitman, of Plymouth, | 6 |

For Register of Deeds.

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| John H. Burdakin, of Dedham, | 205 |
| Charles H. Farrington, of Dedham, | 129 |
| William S. Danforth, of Plymouth, | 6 |

For Commissioner of Insolvency.

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| George W. Wiggin, of Franklin, | 214 |
| John R. Bullard, of Dedham, | 120 |

For Councillor, District No. 1.

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| Joseph K. Baker, of Dennis, | 214 |
| S. B. Phinney, of Barnstable, | 120 |
| John Blackmer, of Provincetown, | 6 |

For Senator Second Plymouth District.

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|---|---|
| Jonathan White, of Brockton, | 182 |
| Henry A. Ford, of Brockton, | 120 |
| Jonathan L. White, of Brockton, | 32 |
| George L. Soule, of Middleboro', | 6 |

For Representative to General Court.

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|---|---|
| Daniel J. Bates, of Cohasset, | 178 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, of Cohasset, | 148 |
| Henry F. Ford, of South Scituate, | 6 |
| Israel C. Vinal, of Cohasset, | 1 |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

The vote of the Second Plymouth District for Representative to the General Court, was as follows: —

| | Scituate. | Cohasset. | S. Scituate. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel J. Bates, of Cohasset, | 260 | 178 | 220 | 658 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, of Cohasset, | 216 | 148 | 122 | 486 |
| Henry F. Ford, of South Scituate, | 16 | 6 | 38 | 60 |
| B. F. Nichols, of Cohasset, | 1 | | | 1 |
| Daniel J. Bates, of Scituate, | 1 | | | 1 |
| D. J. Bates, of Scituate, | 1 | | | 1 |
| Israel C. Vinal, of Cohasset, | | 1 | | 1 |
| Bates, of Cohasset, | | | 1 | 1 |
| W. C. Litchfield, of South Scituate, | 1 | | | 1 |

Daniel J. Bates, of Cohasset, having a plurality of votes returned was elected, and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

# Report of the Selectmen.

## EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

### King Street School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mary J. Williston, cleaning, | $4 00 | |
| M. A. Lewis & Co., clock, | 5 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc. | 1 80 | |
| Samuel Bates, broom, | 45 | |
| Bela Stoddard, labor and stock, | 5 00 | |
| | | $16 50 |

### North School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning, | $12 45 | |
| M. A. Lewis & Co., clock, | 5 25 | |
| J. L. Hammet, black-board and chairs, | 13 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, etc. | 8 27 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairs on clock, | 75 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc. | 7 70 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, labor and stock, | 7 25 | |
| | $54 67 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, grading | 23 75 | |
| | | $78 42 |

### High-School Rooms.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning, | $12 74 | |
| C. Henry and E. James, cleaning vaults, | 3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, etc. | 4 97 | |
| Thomas M. Smith, carting desks, | 50 | |
| Martin N. Bates, labor and stock, | 3 25 | |
| Edmund Bates, tuning piano, | 4 00 | |
| E. N. Barker, setting glass, | 1 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc. | 24 00 | |
| J. L. Hammet, drawing desks, | 46 00 | |
| South Shore Railroad, freight, | 1 40 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock, | 75 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, " desks, | 7 25 | |
| | | $108 86 |

### Centre School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. A. Lewis & Co., clocks, | $10 50 | |
| J. L. Hammet, chair, | 3 40 | |
| Mrs. Mulcahy, cleaning, | 7 33 | |
| C. Henry and E. James, cleaning vaults, | 3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, pails, brooms, etc. | 3 17 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc. | 6 05 | |
| Bela Stoddard, labor and stock, | 10 80 | |
| | | $44 25 |

### South School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. L. Hammet, settees, | $20 84 | |
| Mrs. Mulcahy, cleaning, | 7 33 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, etc. | 15 70 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., hardware | 65 | |
| R. B. Pratt, repairs, | 7 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc. | 10 40 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairs, | 3 50 | |
| Bela Stoddard, labor and stock, | 8 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, staples, | 15 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 9 96 | |
| | | $83 78 |

### Jerusalem School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. L. Beal, cleaning, | $4 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, hatchet, etc. | 4 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, teaming, | 18 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor, | 2 25 | |
| Rich & Willcutt, " | 26 58 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc. | 5 50 | |
| E. Smith & Co., brooms, etc. | 2 70 | |
| H. O. Beal, repairs, | 1 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, labor and stock, | 4 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, " " " | 13 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., shingles, etc., | 71 90 | |
| | | $153 68 |

### Beechwood School-House.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid E. J. Litchfield, cleaning, | $3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, | 5 10 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, etc. | 8 20 | |
| C. H. Wood, use of well, | 1 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, labor and stock, | 5 00 | |
| E. Brown, brooms, pails, etc. | 1 75 | |
| | | $24 05 |

### Harbor School-House.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Gardner, cleaning, . . . . | $2 71 | |
| Rich & Willcutt, labor, . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . . | 2 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, book, . . . . . | 25 | |
| S. D. Tower, setting glass, . . . . | 40 | |
| A. T. Prouty, brooms and crayons, . | 1 10 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, . . . . . | 2 05 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., nails and hinges, | 23 | |
| | | $10 24 |
| Amount expended on School-houses . . . . | | $496 03 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 400 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, . . . . | | $96 03 |

## PRINTING.

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| Paid W. F. Brown & Co., Town and School Reports, . | $164 80 |
| A. R. Gay & Co., Town Notes, . . . . | 3 25 |
| N. B. Tower, Tax-bills, Warrants, etc. . . | 47 88 |
| | $215 93 |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
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| Paid W. W. Studley, Steward, . | $30 00 | |
| South Shore Railroad freight, . | 14 40 | |
| 32 Firemen's Poll Tax, . . . . | 64 00 | |
| Hunneman & Co., repairs on Engine, | 352 90 | |
| C. A. Gross, oil, etc., . . . . | 8 24 | |
| James Boyd & Son, repairing hose, | 4 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, brush, wrench, etc., | 10 94 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., wood, . . | 1 50 | |
| T. M. Smith, horse hire, . . | 11 50 | |
| C. H. Willard, oil, crackers and cheese, | 3 25 | |
| G. W. Conley, watching fire, . | 3 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, " " . . | 3 00 | |
| L. McGough, " " . | 3 00 | |
| G. F. Sargent, " " . | 3 00 | |
| C. F Tilden, spanners and jack, . | 7 40 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | | $520 63 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | | $520 63 |
| Paid Thomas Beal, straps, | $3 75 | |
| L. T. Cushing, milk, | 68 | |
| D. W. Pratt, repairs, | 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, | 5 87 | |
| | | $531 43 |
| Paid for Fire Department and Printing, | | $747 36 |
| Amount appropriated, | | 400 00 |
| Amount paid over the appropriation, | | $347 36 |

DOANE STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid H. M. Stetson, balance of contract, | $3,339 46 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, boundary stone, | 10 00 | |
| Aaron Pratt, running line, | 3 00 | |
| | | $3,352 46 |
| Amount appropriated, | $1,000 00 | |
| " Received from Co. of Norfolk, | 458 20 | |
| | $1,458 20 | |
| Amount expended without an appropriation, | | $1,894 26 |

## REMOVING SNOW.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid T. M. Smith, men and teams, | $101 25 | |
| James Sweeny, | 88 | |
| Robert Patterson, | 1 12 | |
| Andrew Prouty, | 1 12 | |
| Frank Prouty, | 1 13 | |
| A. W. Drake, | 5 75 | |
| A. A. Randell, | 1 00 | |
| Charles Nott, | 1 12 | |
| W. F. Tilden, | 4 50 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, | 4 75 | |
| Thomas Reidy, | 2 50 | |
| Thomas Loney, | 1 00 | |
| Lincoln Morey, | 1 00 | |
| Michael O'Connell, | 1 38 | |
| William Mulvey, | 50 | |
| C. A. Wilson, | 1 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, and others, | 54 26 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* | | $184 26 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | | $184 26 |
| Paid Samuel E. Pratt, repairing snow plough, | $2 00 | |
| Martin Beal, and others, . . | 24 00 | |
| Frank F. Martin, and others, . | 1 75 | |
| William W. Apt, . . . | 1 00 | |
| George Ainslie, . . . | 2 38 | |
| Warren Newcomb, . . . | 75 | |
| Edwin Bates, and others, . | 23 50 | |
| Loui T. Cushing, " . . | 7 50 | |
| R. L. Curtis, . . . . . | 94 | |
| Joseph E. Frates, and others, . | 1 50 | |
| C. F. Tilden, repairing snow plough, | 2 00 | |
| Richard Wells, and others, . . | 15 12 | |
| Warren Bates 2d, " . . | 14 62 | |
| Joseph F. Ennice, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Moses Sargent, " . . | 62 16 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, . . | 25 00 | |
| | | $371 48 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams, | | 25 00 |
| Amount paid for removing snow, | | $346 48 |
| " appropriated, . . . | | 400 00 |
| " paid less appropriation, . . | | 53 52 |

## REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

RICHARD WELLS, SURVEYOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Benjamin F. Morse, labor, . | $ 25 50 | |
| Harrison Henry, " . . | 25 50 | |
| John Barnes, " . . | 21 00 | |
| William B. Taylor, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, gravel, . | 3 50 | |
| R. T. Burbank, labor, . . | 21 88 | |
| E. M. Couillard, " . | 36 37 | |
| Thomas Bates, team and labor, . | 56 92 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, 3d, " . | 35 00 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., " . | 57 80 | |
| Marcia D. Tower, gravel, . | 40 44 | |
| Charles F. Wells, team and labor, | 77 50 | |
| Richard Wells, " " . | 142 94 | |
| " " gravel, . . | 50 40 | |
| | | $600 00 |

LOUIS T. CUSHING, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid W. H. Bates, | labor, | $ 75 00 | |
| E. H. Arnold, | " | 60 75 | |
| George F. Sargent, | " | 18 00 | |
| Robert L Curtis, | " | 7 50 | |
| C. H. Hardwick, | " | 1 50 | |
| Anthony Anderson, | " | 1 00 | |
| Manuel Chelar, | " | 1 00 | |
| Thomas T. Kinsley, | " | 20 75 | |
| Thomas Williams, | " | 18 75 | |
| John H. Morgan, | " | 1 50 | |
| Francis Frates, | " | 14 25 | |
| James Apt, | " | 10 25 | |
| Oscar Litchfield, | " | 1 50 | |
| Warren Bates, | " | 1 50 | |
| E. G. Bates, | " | 75 | |
| Henry L. Bates, | " | 4 50 | |
| Levi L. Minot, | " | 8 25 | |
| L. L. Wheelwright, Jr., | " | 4 50 | |
| George L. Litchfield, | " | 6 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, | " | 5 25 | |
| Ezekiel Bates, | " | 24 50 | |
| " " | gravel, | 39 80 | |
| Bennett Studley, | road scraper, | 8 00 | |
| C. F. Tilden, | ironing scraper, | 12 65 | |
| " " | sharpening tools, | 1 20 | |
| Lot Bates, | team and labor, | 9 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, | " " | 17 25 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, | gravel, | 4 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, | team, | 11 72 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, | team and labor, | 209 38 | |
| | | | $600 00 |

PHILANDER BATES, SURVEYOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Harrison Henry, | labor, | $16 50 |
| Benj F. Morse, | " | 16 50 |
| David Lyons, | " | 13 50 |
| Michael Sweeney, | " | 18 00 |
| Levi L. Worrick, 3d, | labor, | 16 50 |
| Frank Silvy, | " | 19 50 |
| John Howard, | " | 15 00 |
| C. A. Gross, | powder, | 66 |
| Joseph Jacinto, | labor, | 14 25 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | | $130 41 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . | $130 41 | |
| Paid G. W. Cousens, Jr., labor, . . | 19 50 | |
| T. M. Smith, teams and labor, . . | 59 50 | |
| Thomas Bates, " " " . . | 33 50 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, labor, . . . | 12 00 | |
| William Beal, " . . . | 7 50 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel, . . . . | 37 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | 12 50 | |
| Warren Bates, 2d, labor, . . . | 42 00 | |
| Daniel Sullivan, " . . . | 15 75 | |
| Galen James, " . . . . . | 4 13 | |
| Leander W. Groce, gravel, . . | 4 20 | |
| Ezra Towle, stone, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| John N. Cook, labor, . . . | 9 00 | |
| Philander Bates, labor, . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Almshouse, teams and labor, . . | 198 00 | |
| | | $598 99 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams, . . . | | 198 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . . | | $400 99 |

J. Q. A. Lothrop, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Antone L. Joseph, labor, . . . . | $9 00 | |
| Manuel M. Enos, " . . | 9 00 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " . . . . | 41 25 | |
| Frank Silva, " . . . . | 23 25 | |
| John Howard, " . . . . | 31 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, powder, . . . . | 66 | |
| George W. Cousens, Jr., labor, . . | 45 25 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, " . . | 22 50 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel, . . . . | 44 50 | |
| Joseph F. Ennice, labor, . . . . | 7 00 | |
| Manuel Gracia, " . . . . . | 5 25 | |
| Thomas Smith, gravel and team, . | 15 25 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, labor " " . . | 12 00 | |
| Thomas Lincoln, " " " . . | 10 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, . . . . . | 30 00 | |
| Almshouse, labor men and teams, . | 269 25 | |
| | | $575 16 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams . . . | | 269 25 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . . | | $305 91 |

### Louis N. Lincoln, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Manuel Antone, labor, | $10 50 | |
| John Dolan, " | 15 00 | |
| Charles A. Wilson, labor and team, | 47 37 | |
| A. W. Drake, " | 3 00 | |
| Frank Silva, " | 34 50 | |
| John Howard, " | 87 00 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, " | 110 25 | |
| Samuel Bates, tools, | 1 75 | |
| George W. Cousens, Jr., labor, | 13 50 | |
| T. M. Smith, labor and teams, | 203 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, " " " | 13 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, " | 1 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " | 1 75 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, | 58 00 | |
| | | $599 62 |
| Amount of appropriation, | | $3,000 00 |
| " expended, | | 2,973 77 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams, | | $467 25 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, | | $2,506 52 |

## SIDEWALK, BEECHWOOD STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William H. Bates, labor, | $18 75 | |
| Manuel Joseph, " | 10 75 | |
| Anthony Anderson, " | 4 00 | |
| George C. Lincoln, " | 6 50 | |
| Thomas F. Kinsley, " | 9 75 | |
| Levi L. Minot, " | 9 75 | |
| Joseph Munnies, " | 9 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 3 54 | |
| Ezekiel Bates, gravel, | 8 20 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, labor and teams, | 69 01 | |
| | | $150 00 |
| Amount appropriated, | | 150 00 |

## SPECIAL REPAIRS ON CEDAR STREET.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Richard Wells, | $100 00 |
| Amount appropriated, | 100 00 |

## SPECIAL REPAIRS ON ELM STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas M. Smith, team, | $1 50 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, labor, | 21 75 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel, | 23 25 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, labor, | 12 50 | |
| Joseph F. Ennice, labor, | 12 50 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, | 12 00 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, | 114 00 | |
| | | $197 50 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams, | | 114 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, | | $83 50 |
| " of appropriation, | | 200 00 |

## SPECIAL REPAIRS ON SOUTH MAIN STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas M. Smith, teaming, | $ 75 | |
| Joseph Ennice, labor, | 18 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson, bridge stone, | 6 00 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor, | 5 00 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, | 80 25 | |
| | | $110 00 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams, | | 80 25 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, | | $29 75 |
| " of appropriation, | | 250 00 |

## SIDEWALK, MARGIN STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel N. Lincoln, labor, | $18 00 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel. | 3 75 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, labor, | 25 50 | |
| John C. Koof, damage to fence, | 41 | |
| John Howard, labor, | 32 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, powder and fuse, | 3 10 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, | 9 00 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, | 57 50 | |
| | | $149 25 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams, | | 57 50 |
| Amount drawn from the Treasury, | | $91 76 |
| " appropriated, | | 150 00 |

## COVE BRIDGE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. James Pratt, gravel, . . . . | $5 37 | |
| Cove Dam Corporation, . . . . | 65 00 | |
| C. F. Tilden, iron work, . . . . | 2 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor, . . . . | 6 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, . | 5 00 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, . . | 4 75 | |
| | | $89 12 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams . . . | | 4 75 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . . . | | $84 37 |

No appropriation.

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid South Shore Railroad, freight drain-pipe, | $6 34 | |
| Day & Collins, drain-pipe, . . . | 59 40 | |
| George W. Cousens, Jr., labor, . . | 3 00 | |
| Thomas M. Smith, teaming, . . | 22 00 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, labor, . . . . | 15 00 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor, mill bridge, . | 4 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairing tools, . | 24 15 | |
| W. W. Studley, stone, . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, labor, . . . . . | 8 00 | |
| C. H. Willard, repairing bridge, . | 5 00 | |
| P. C. Kimball, " " . . | 5 00 | |
| P. Bates, drain-pipe, . . . . . | 5 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, . | 15 58 | |
| John Howard, labor, . . . . . | 19 00 | |
| Charles A. Wilson, labor and team, . | 5 25 | |
| Calvin Horton, pump and building, . | 449 00 | |
| Stuart Reid, labor, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| C. L. Kittrell, " . . . . . | 1 00 | |
| H. O. Beal, stock and labor, . . . | 44 18 | |
| C. W. Peirce, gravel, . . . . | 4 13 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting and stock, . . | 7 73 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., canvass, . | 3 33 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, . . . | 87 87 | |
| | | $803 21 |
| Deduct for Almshouse men and teams, . . . | | 87 87 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . . . | | $715 34 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 700 00 |

## NEW ROAD FROM KING STREET TO JERUSALEM ROAD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Wells and Bates, | $3,197 42 |
| Washington Brown, | 2,000 00 |
| W. H. Bates, labor, | 10 50 |
| Phillip Fox, labor and level, | 9 75 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 22 67 |
| | $5,240 34 |

No appropriation.

## STATE AID.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, | $96 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, | 60 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, | 69 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, | 60 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, | 36 00 | |
| Thomas T. Spear, | 84 00 | |
| Philip D. Minot, | 72 00 | |
| Charles A. Taylor, | 36 00 | |
| | | $513 00 |

## TOWN HALL, AND BOARD OF HEALTH.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, | $14 04 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, | 3 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, funnel, lock-up, | 7 07 | |
| Hallet & Co., mattresses and blankets, lock-up, | 7 50 | |
| Welcome Beal, care gates, Strait's Pond, | 10 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, post and lantern, | 20 50 | |
| Gustavus Jones, oil for lantern, | 4 08 | |
| | | $66 69 |
| Amount of Appropriation, | | $100 00 |

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, | $122 75 |

## SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treasurer of School Committee, | $5,000 00 |

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, . . . . . | $2,304 00 | |
| County Tax, . . . . . | 1,897 21 | |
| | | $4,201 21 |

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1868, . . . . . | $4 13 | |
| " " " 1869, . . . . | 4 42 | |
| " " " 1870, . . . . . | 8 33 | |
| " " " 1871, . . . . | 13 75 | |
| " " " 1872, . . . . . | 10 60 | |
| " " " 1873, . . . . | 26 50 | |
| " " " 1874, . . . . . | 52 30 | |
| " " " 1875, . . . . | 107 21 | |
| " " " 1876, . . . . . | 142 32 | |
| | | $369 56 |

## TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, Superintendent of Schools, . | $200 00 |
| Levi N. Bates, Treasurer, School Committee, | 25 00 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Board of Health, . . . . | 355 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, . . . . . | 305 00 |
| Philander Bates, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, . . . . . | 192 50 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer, . . . . | 200 00 |
| N. B. Tower, Clerk, . . . . . | 79 95 |
| " " " copying Record, . . . . | 100 00 |
| Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures, | 50 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, Constable and Truant Officer, | 30 00 |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " " " | 14 00 |
| John L. Pratt, " " " | 8 00 |
| J. Foster Doane, " . . . . . | 20 00 |
| David B. Lincoln, " . . . . | 23 50 |
| | $1,602 95 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Antone L. Joseph, trimming trees, . . . | $24 00 |
| Cyrus R. Keene, stone, 1873, . . . . . | 2 00 |
| G. H. Cline, map of county, . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Joseph Hayden, distributing reports, . . . | 6 00 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . . | $42 00 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . . | $42 00 |
| Daniel Freeman, gravel, 1875, . . . | 11 00 |
| Charles A. Wilson, highways, 1875, . . . | 10 00 |
| Martin Lincoln, highways, 1875, . . . | 3 00 |
| Leander W. Groce, Strait's Pond, 1875, . . | 5 00 |
| C. A. Gross, stationery and postage, . . | 18 14 |
| Thomas M. Smith, horse hire School Committee, | 35 75 |
| " " " " " County Commissioners and Selectmen, . . . . . | 34 50 |
| Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, Assessors, . | 9 00 |
| " " " " " Town Clerk, . | 3 00 |
| " " " teaming, . . . . . | 12 25 |
| " " " burial of Alice Bryan, . . | 9 00 |
| " " " return of deaths, . . | 8 75 |
| John Barnes, labor at cemetery, . . . | 7 50 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs on guide board and pump, | 3 90 |
| Ezra Brown, pump and grading, . . . | 22 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs on hearse and pump, | 1 00 |
| William H. Reed, setting guide post, . . . | 1 00 |
| Joseph Battles and others, flag staff, . . | 6 00 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., halyards for flag staff, | 5 37 |
| Edward E. Ellms, School Committee orders, . | 8 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, commission on abated taxes, | 10 35 |
| " " " posting warrants and notices, | 8 00 |
| " " " opening hall for town meeting, | 8 00 |
| " " " " hall when used free, | 6 00 |
| " " " expenses as town officers, . | 11 00 |
| D. W. Pratt, painting guide board and pump, . | 4 50 |
| Henry D. Hyde, services before County Commissioners, 1875, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| P. E. Penniman, entertainment County Commissioners, . . . . . | 3 00 |
| Phillip Fox, on Groce case, . . . . . | 1 50 |
| Beals' Express, . . . . . | 23 45 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock and ringing bell, | 30 00 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, expenses as town officers, . | 48 90 |
| Moses Sargent, entertainment County Commissioners and others, . . . . . | 34 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of 228 tramps, . . | 171 00 |
| | $640 86 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 800 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | 159 14 |
| " appropriated for interest and discount, . | 2,400 00 |
| " paid " " " " . | 1,942 00 |
| " " less than the appropriation, . . | $457 40 |

## RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Expenditures on school-houses, | $496 03 |
| Fire department and printing, | 747 36 |
| Doane street, | 3,352 46 |
| Removing snow, | 346 48 |
| Highways, | 2,506 52 |
| Sidewalk, Beechwood street, | 150 00 |
| Special repairs, | 100 00 |
| " " Elm street, | 83 50 |
| " " South Main street, | 29 75 |
| Sidewalk, Margin street, | 91 76 |
| Cove bridge, | 84 37 |
| Roads and bridges, | 715 34 |
| New road, | 5,240 34 |
| State aid, | 513 00 |
| Town Hall and Board of Health, | 66 69 |
| School books, | 122 75 |
| School appropriations, | 5,000 00 |
| State and county tax, | 4,201 21 |
| Abatement of taxes, | 369 56 |
| Town officers, | 1,602 95 |
| Miscellaneous, | 640 86 |
| Interest and discount, | 1,942 60 |
| Orders to Overseers of the Poor, | 4,316 50 |
| | $32,720 03 |

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

February 1, 1877.

FUNDED DEBT (ISSUE OF ARPIL 1, 1863), AS FOLLOWS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Savings Bank, four notes, due 1877, '78, '79, '80, | | $4,000 00 |

ISSUE OF MAY 1, 1876.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Zenas D. Lincoln, 1 note, due 1881, | $1,000 00 | |
| Charles Pratt, 1 note, due 1882, | 1,000 00 | |
| Abraham H. Tower, 1 note, due 1883, | 1,000 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, 7 notes, due 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, | 7,000 00 | |
| | | $10,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES, VIZ.:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| David W. Whitcomb, | 1 note, | $200 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, | 1 " | 250 00 | |
| Franklin J. Damon, | 1 " | 1,000 00 | |
| Cohasset Mut. Fire Ins. Co., | 1 " | 1,000 00 | |
| Martha T. Bates, | 1 " bal., | 1,600 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, | 1 " | 2,000 00 | |
| | | | $6,050 00 |
| Heirs of J. O. Lawrence, outstanding order, 1874, . . . . | | | 350 00 |
| Amount of interest bearing debt, . . . | | | $20,400 00 |

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due from State for State aid, . . | $557 50 | |
| " Town of Hull, for schooling, . | 187 78 | |
| " " repairs at Strait's Pond, | 5 52 | |
| " Town of Scituate, board Betsey Brown, . . . . . | 122 00 | |
| " Town of Braintree, supplies, . | 4 25 | |
| " T. F. Richardson, labor on bridge, | 25 00 | |
| " Lot Willcutt, board, &c., . . | 110 46 | |
| " James Dady, support of wife, . | 195 58 | |
| " John J. Lothrop, support of son, | 594 10 | |
| Pumping apparatus at Strait's Pond, | 400 00 | |
| Balance in Treasury, . . . . | 2,487 13 | |
| | | $4,689 32 |
| Amount of actual debt, . . . | | $15,710 68 |
| Increase of interest bearing debt, | $5,400 00 | |
| Increase of actual debt, . . | 3,980 04 | |

The Selectmen in submitting their Annual Report of the expenditures and receipts, deem it their duty to call the attention of the town to the following vote passed at its last Annual Meeting, "That the Financial Report be printed and distributed in the month of February next; also, Voted, that in the next Report, when printed, all the sums paid for services as Town Officers shall appear under that head; also, Voted, that the next Financial Report incorporate a list of all delinquent tax-payers on the first day of February next." Under that vote, the Report gives the pay of Town Officers at $1602.95,

being $602.95 more than the appropriation. The reason of this is that a large portion of the pay of Town Officers was included in other appropriations, such as Constable, Truant Officers, Overseers of the Poor, and Services for Selectmen on Roads and Bridges and before the County Commissioners on new roads.

## DOANE STREET.

The amount paid for building said street is $3352.46 (being balance of contract and extra work). The amount appropriated last March was $1,000.00; received from the County of Norfolk, $458.20; leaving $1,894.26 paid without an appropriation.

## NEW ROAD.

The County Commissioners, upon the petition of Ezra Brown and 118 others, laid out, and ordered built, a road from King Street to Jerusalem Road during the year, and the town at a Meeting held for that purpose, August 19th, 1876, Voted to choose a Committee of three, namely: Washington Brown, Richard Wells and Thomas Bates, to build the road by the day, and at a meeting held September 2d, 1876, Voted, that the Committee build the road for the best interest of the town, by letting it out by contract, in sections, or the whole to the lowest bidder, or by day labor, and the said Committee shall employ the teams belonging to the town.

The Committee deeming it for the best interest of the town, concluded to build the road by day labor, and it will be seen by the Report that $5240.34 has been paid by the Selectmen, and there is, or will be, as near as we are able to estimate, due March 1st, about $1000.00, making the cost of the road to that date about $6200.00, and the road then not one-half finished.

The amount expended on Doane Street and New Road without an appropriation, is $7,134.60, thereby increasing the debt of the town $5,400.00.

The amount that will be needed to finish the New Road, will have to be provided for at the next March Meeting, either by taxation, or by increasing the debt to that amount, and according to the best information the Selectmen can procure,

there will be from $6,000.00 to $8,000.00 required to finish said road. If a large portion of that amount is raised this year by taxation, the rate per cent will be so much increased as to be a damage to the town in the future.

The sum of $513.37 expended for Pump and apparatus for watering Jerusalem Road, was considered to be a necessary expense for the protection of said road, and persons that travel that road, and such an expenditure will not occur this year. The Hingham Steamboat Company, and the Town of Hull, each purchased a pump and apparatus for the same purpose.

The sum of $352.90 expended on the Fire Engine, was necessary for the preservation of the Engine, it never having been repaired since owned by the town. This expense is not likely to occur again for a number of years.

The cost of care of Tramps is higher this year on account of the increased number over former years, and until the Fall of 1875, when the town built a Lock-up, were taken care of at the Almshouse. We recommend some action by the Town for their support in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

## For the Year Ending February 1st, 1877.

### Almshouse Account.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand, February 1st, 1876, | $2,114 42 |
| Paid James St. John, tailoring, | 4 10 |
| A. A. Blaney, balance of salary, | 66 66 |
| Nancy Nichols, labor, | 78 00 |
| E. E. Ellms, pigs, 24 ; groceries & medicine, 20.20, | 44 20 |
| Isaiah Lincoln, hay, | 9 72 |
| Arthur F. Burbank, labor, | 133 33 |
| Willard O. Fish, labor, | 101 00 |
| B. K. Atwood, fish and lobsters, | 7 54 |
| Joseph Breck & Son, plough, | 6 00 |
| Ezra Brown, grain and groceries, | 142 74 |
| C. A. Gross, grain and groceries, | 158 48 |
| M. B. Stetson, grain and groceries, | 98 87 |
| C. H. Willard, groceries, | 42 31 |
| J. H. Nichols, " | 107 77 |
| C. F. Nichols, cloth, | 7 49 |
| Samuel Bates, stoves, &c., | 37 46 |
| W. O. Souther, salary to Feb. 1st, 1877, | 208 33 |
| " " " sundry bills paid, | 21 50 |
| C. N. Buck, bread and crackers, | 5 35 |
| Thomas M. Smith, teaming, | 5 00 |
| George Noyes, Mass. Ploughman, | 2 70 |
| Charles F. Tilden, blacksmithing, | 20 97 |
| F. J. Damon, " | 33 67 |
| C. R. Keene, trees, | 11 20 |
| Galen James, vegetables, | 1 90 |
| T. L. Burbank, apples and making cider, | 7 60 |
| Ezekiel Bates, cabbages, | 1 40 |
| A. W. Hayden, labor and stock, | 4 60 |
| W. F. Thayer, meats, | 55 44 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meats, | 112 51 |
| Thomas Beal, straps, | 1 30 |
| John Souther, cobbling, | 3 35 |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 15 00 |
| A. H. Tower, casks, | 2 00 |
| J. Bourne, wood, | 8 25 |
| P. Bates, boots and shoes, | 8 20 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, &c., | 52 57 |
| E. M. Coullard, labor and wood, | 5 00 |
| R. T. Burbank, repairs on sled, | 3 00 |
| J. S. Taylor, fish, | 17 64 |
| | $3,768 57 |

## Stock at Almshouse, February 1, 1877.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Horses, | $275 00 | 1 ton Salt Hay, | $12 00 |
| 1 Cow, | 50 00 | Lot of manure, | 72 00 |
| 22 Hens, | 13 20 | 5 cords Hard wood, | 30 00 |
| 3 Turkeys, | 6 00 | ½ " Pine " | 2 50 |
| 1 Express wagon, | 85 00 | 3 " Trash, | 9 00 |
| 1 Farm " | 85 00 | ½ ton of Coal, | 4 00 |
| 1 Hay " | 20 00 | Lumber, | 5 00 |
| 1 Open " | 5 00 | Stoves and fixtures, | 75 00 |
| 2 Horse carts, | 120 00 | Household furniture, | 300 00 |
| 1 Horse sled, | 15 00 | Wooden ware, &c., | 25 00 |
| 1 Harrow, | 4 00 | Cutlery, spoons, &c., | 12 00 |
| 3 Ploughs, | 12 00 | Crockery and glassware, | 25 00 |
| 2 Wagon harnesses, | 30 00 | Tin, earthern, & stoneware, | 35 00 |
| 2 Cart " | 30 00 | 300 lbs. Salt Pork, | 36 00 |
| 1 Lead " | 12 00 | 140 lbs. Hams & Shoulders, | 14 00 |
| 2 Carriage robes, | 5 00 | 44 lbs. Lard, | 6 60 |
| Chains, | 6 00 | 29 lbs. Sausage, | 4 35 |
| Drills, hammers, &c., | 20 00 | 260 lbs. Beef, | 23 40 |
| Carpenter's tools, | 4 50 | 8 lbs. Butter, | 3 20 |
| Saws, axes, and hatchets, | 10 00 | Groceries, | 50 00 |
| Paint brushes, lead & oil, | 5 00 | 150 galls. Vinegar, | 45 00 |
| Grindstone, | 2 00 | 32 bush. Potatoes, | 40 00 |
| Farming tools, | 20 00 | 5½ bbls. Apples, | 6 80 |
| Casks and barrels, | 15 00 | Other vegetables, | 5 00 |
| 5 tons English Hay, | 125 00 | Grain and bags, | 5 00 |
| | | | $1,820 63 |

## Almshouse Account of Sales and Labor.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Town of Hull, board of pauper, | | $208 00 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef and calves, | | 30 00 |
| Ezra Brown, eggs, | | 5 44 |
| M. C. Nichols, eggs, | | 1 19 |
| Labor, removing snow, | | 25 00 |
| Labor, on highways, | | 849 37 |
| | | $1,119 00 |
| Amount of stock on hand, | $1,820 63 | |
| " sales and labor, | 1,119 00 | |
| | $2,939 63 | |
| Debit brought forward, | | $3,768 57 |
| Credit " " | | 2,939 63 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, | | $828 94 |
| Expenses of inmates at the Almshouse 221 weeks at 3.75$\frac{19}{24}$ per week, amounts to, | | $828 94 |

## SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE,

For the year ending February 1, 1877.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State Lunatic Hospital for David Willcutt, | | $205 30 |
| " " " " Josephine E. Bates, | | 187 62 |
| " " " " John J. Lothrop, | | 208 37 |
| " " " " Elizabeth J. Dady, | | 195 58 |
| " " " " William Kilburn, | | 193 50 |
| " " " " William Taylor, | | 214 12 |
| | | $1,204 49 |

### Assistance to Mary Ann Howard.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Beal, | | $72 00 |

### Assistance to Susan Orcutt.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Phineas G. Brown, | | $18 00 |

### Assistance to Betsey Brown.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Studley, | | $104 00 |

### Assistance to Mrs. Levi L. Minot and Children.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Brockton, | | $38 50 |

### Assistance to David Vinal and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Smith, wood, | $8 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., wood, | 4 00 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, groceries, &c., | 62 64 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meats, | 5 91 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 10 00 | |
| | | $90 53 |

### Assistance to J. P. Wheelwright and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Daniel J. Bates, groceries, | $33 00 | |
| Ezra Brown, " | 7 00 | |
| Lot Bates, wood, | 10 00 | |
| | | $50 00 |

### Assistance to Isaac H. Tower, Wife and Five Children.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid to C. F. Nichols, supplies, | $71 51 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, | 5 20 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 25 00 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, | 15 70 | |
| | | $117 41 |

ASSISTANCE TO STEPHEN T. SHERMAN, WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. T. Prouty, supplies, . . . . . | | $39 04 |

ASSISTANCE TO JOHN SYLVY, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Louis T. Cushing, milk, . . . . | $4 72 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, . . . . | 80 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., supplies, . | 13 50 | |
| | | $19 02 |

ASSISTANCE TO SARAH EVERETT AND THREE CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, groceries, . . . . | $60 96 | |
| D. J. Bates, " . . . . | 10 00 | |
| David W. Whitcomb, wood, . . . | 3 00 | |
| P. Bates, shoes, . . . . . | 1 45 | |
| | | $75 41 |

ASSISTANCE TO WM. H. LITCHFIELD, WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, supplies, . . . . | $6 14 | |
| Town of Scituate, supplies, . . | 24 19 | |
| | | $30 33 |

ASSISTANCE TO LYDIA A. HAYDEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Quincy, . . . . . | | $33 00 |

ASSISTANCE TO ANTONE F. BANDURA, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid E. E. Ellms, medicine, . . . . | $4 20 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., supplies, . | 19 80 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meat, . . . | 12 22 | |
| | | $36 22 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid City of Boston for Sarah P. Joy, . | $27 30 | |
| " " " Mary Kent and two Children, . | 156 22 | |
| " " " E. J. Nichols, . | 36 00 | |
| " " " John C. Orcutt, . | 1 82 | |
| " " " Eunice Sterling, . | 60 00 | |
| " " " Henry Powers, wife and Children, . | 12 00 | |
| " " " Albert J. Ruby, . | 3 82 | |
| | | $297 16 |

ASSISTANCE TO DANIEL F. BATES, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, supplies, . . . . | $47 52 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 5 00 | |
| | | $48 52 |

ASSISTANCE TO MRS. GEORGE POWERS AND FIVE CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. O. Southerd, expenses to Medford, | $7 88 | |
| Town of Medford, . . . . | 352 25 | |
| | | $360 13 |

ASSISTANCE TO MANUEL JOSEPH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., supplies, . . . | $20 07 |

ASSISTANCE TO WILLIAM HAYDEN AND WIFE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . . | $4 25 |

ASSISTANCE TO AUGUSTUS A. RANDALL AND WIFE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . . . | $4 25 |

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|---|---|---|
| By amount due from John J. Lothrop, . | $208 37 | |
| " " " James Dady, . | 195 58 | |
| " " " Town of Scituate, Betsey Brown, . | 104 00 | |
| " " " Town of Braintree, A. A. Randall, . | 4 25 | |
| | $512 20 | |
| Amount of expenses at Almshouse, . . . | | $828 94 |
| " " outside, . . . . | | 2,662 35 |
| | | 3,491 29 |
| Deduct outside credit, . . . . . | | 512 20 |
| | | $2,979 09 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . | | 2,500 00 |
| Amount paid over appropriation, . | | $479 09 |

The expense for the support of the Poor at the Almshouse the past year is a little less per week, on account of the Overseer's salary left out, and a larger number of inmates a portion of the time, over former years. If the number remains the same, or increases, under the same management, the expense per week, next year, must be less than this. The amount of labor by men and teams on the Highways, are not so much as last year, but at less cost to the town in proportion.

The amount expended for outside relief is about the same, although the number receiving help is larger, increased by persons gaining settlement under the Act of 1874, by five years' residence of an unsettled person. The amount paid to the town of Medford is high, on account of the sickness and death of Mrs. George Powers, and the sickness of the children, after the death of the mother. It was some time before they could be moved. The children are now provided for by relatives and friends, without expense to the town.

The inventory at the Almshouse has been reduced from $2,463.90, in 1875, to $1,820.63, in 1877, making a reduction of $642.37 in two years, the same being deemed necessary by the Overseers of the Poor, on account of the depreciation of the value of the stock, and other articles used at the Almshouse.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES,
*Overseers of Poor, Cohasset.*

## ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED THE ENSUING YEAR.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, | $1,000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, | 1,000 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1,000 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 2,500 00 |
| Support of Schools. | 5,000 00 |
| Removing Snow, | 400 00 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 500 00 |
| Repairs of School-houses, | 400 00 |
| Repairs of Highways, | 2,500 00 |
| Town Officers, | 1,500 00 |
| Printing and Fire Department, | 400 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 700 00 |
| | $16,900 00 |

# TOWN OF COHASSET IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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## High School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1876–7. | | |
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $1,000 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 560 00 | |
| | | $1,560 00 |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord hard wood, . | $8 00 | |
| " " " pine " . | 5 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . | 88 56 | |
| Olmsted & Collier, labor on wood, . | 8 25 | |
| A. H. Olmstead, care fires and rooms, | 37 80 | |
| E. F. Olmstead, " " " | 23 60 | |
| | | $171 71 |

## Jerusalem School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| E. Smith & Co., 1 cord oak wood, . | $8 00 | |
| " " ½ " pine " | 3 50 | |
| W. Beal, 2 cords hard wood, . . | 16 00 | |
| E. Smith & Co., labor on wood, . | 3 13 | |
| W. Beal, " " . . | 4 50 | |
| A. H. Lawrence, care fires and rooms, | 8 00 | |
| Teacher, " " " | 3 00 | |
| | | $46 13 |

## North Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord hard wood, . | $8 00 | |
| " " 2 cords pine " . | 11 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, 3 " hard " . . | 24 00 | |
| " " labor on wood, . | 75 | |
| Michael Sweeney, labor on wood, . | 2 50 | |
| Doane & Osgood, " " . | 7 37 | |
| D. Ready, " " . | 1 50 | |
| P. Sweeney, care of fires and rooms, | 4 00 | |
| Willie Ready, " " " . | 6 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $71 12 |

### Centre Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord pine wood, . . | $5 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . | 28 28 | |
| W. Mulvey, labor on wood, . . | 4 50 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, care fires and rooms, | 12 00 | |
| Harry W. Souther, care fires and rooms, | 50 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $56 78 |

### South School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., 1 cord pine wood, | $5 50 | |
| " " " 9 feet oak " | 9 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . | 53 10 | |
| Antone Lawrence, labor on wood, . | 8 00 | |
| Frank Pratt, care of fires and rooms, | 8 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $89 60 |

### Beechwood Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $450 00 | |
| Primary " " . | 280 00 | |
| | | $730 00 |
| Lot W. Bates, 3½ cords wood, . | $26 25 | |
| Lewis Bates, 4½ " " . | 29 50 | |
| L. W. Bates, labor on wood, . . | 9 50 | |
| Lewis Bates, " " . | 13 50 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, care fires and rooms, | 10 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $94 75 |

### Harbor School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $280 00 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., ½ cord wood, . | $3 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . | 8 71 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . | 1 75 | |
| " " care fires and rooms, | 6 00 | |
| Teacher, " " " | 3 00 | |
| | | $22 46 |

### King Street School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $255 00 |
| Galen James, 1 cord pine wood, . | $6 00 | |
| E. L. James, labor on wood, . | 3 00 | |
| John Burbank, care fires and rooms, | 9 00 | |
| | | $18 00 |

### Miscellaneous Charges.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. L. Hammet, 1 set Metric Weights, | $10 00 | |
| " " 1 Mammoth Cube Root, | 2 50 | |
| " " 2 doz. Singing Books, | 18 00 | |
| A. A. Souther, 1 Manuel of Drawing, | 1 00 | |
| | | $31 50 |
| | | $5,627 05 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . . | | 340 06 |
| | | $5,967 11 |

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|---|---|---|
| By unexpended balance of last year, . | $467 32 | |
| Town Appropriation, . . . . | 5,000 00 | |
| Massachusetts School Fund, . . | 221 09 | |
| County of Norfolk, dog licenses, . | 219 08 | |
| Interest of the Ripley School Fund, . | 50 62 | |
| Cash of Timothy Hurlily, for schooling, | 3 00 | |
| " George Hobbs, " " | 3 00 | |
| " Willie Wood, " " | 3 00 | |
| | | $5,967 11 |

L. N. BATES,

*Treasurer of School Committee.*

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1876–1877.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's orders, drawn to date, . . | | $20,697 66 |
| " | Assessor's orders for abatement of Taxes, . . | 365 56 |
| " | State Aid to sundry Families . . . . | 513 00 |
| " | Town's appropriation for Schools, . . . | 5,000 00 |
| " | Other items for School account, . . . | 499 79 |
| " | Discount on Taxes, paid to Sept. 1, 1876,. . | 1,037 83 |
| " | State Tax for 1876, . . . . . | 2,304 00 |
| " | County Tax for 1876, . . . . . | 1,897 21 |
| " | Abraham H. Tower, demand note, 1876, . | 600 00 |
| " | Zenas D. Lincoln, demand note, 1876, . . | 1,200 00 |
| " | Hingham National Bank, 2 notes, 1876, . | 5,000 00 |
| " | " " " 2 notes, hired money, | 2,000 00 |
| " | Interest on Town's notes, . . . . | 904 77 |
| | | $42,019 82 |
| | Balance in Treasury, . . . . . | 2,487 13 |
| | | $44,506 95 |

COHASSET, Feb. 5, 1877.

# A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

1876–77.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury, from former account, | . . | $1,132 29 |
| Received of State Treasurer, for State Aid, 1875, | . | 512 66 |
| " " " National Bank Tax, 1876, | . | 812 61 |
| " " " Corporation Tax, 1876, | . | 1,221 27 |
| " " " Income of Massachusetts School Fund, 1876, | . | 221 09 |
| " County Treasurer, Dog Licences, 1876, | . | 219 08 |
| " " " on account New Road at Beechwood, | . . | 458 20 |
| " Town of Hull, repairs, &c., at Straits Pond, to May 1, 1876, | . . | 214 51 |
| " " " support of Paupers to Feb. 1, 1877, | . . . . . | 455 98 |
| " John J. Lothrop, on acct. support of Son, | | 144 12 |
| " Louis N. Lincoln, for income Town Hall, | . | 58 00 |
| " Rent of Offices in Harbor School-house, 1876, | | 60 00 |
| " Sundry persons, produce, &c., at Almshouse, | | 12 38 |
| " Discount on State and County Taxes, paid in anticipation, | . . . . . | 35 33 |
| " Edward H. Howe, tax for 1874, | . . | 2 10 |
| " Interest of Ripley Fund, | . . . . | 50 62 |
| " Schooling of several children, | . . . | 9 00 |
| " John Levozoro, Pedler's license, | . . . | 8 00 |
| " David W. Whitcomb, hired money, | . | 200 00 |
| " Hingham National Bank, hired money, | . | 2,000 00 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, | . | 2,000 00 |
| " Funded Notes (as per Vote of Town,) | . . | 10,000 00 |
| " Amount of Tax for 1876, | . . . | 24,679 71 |
| | | $44,506 95 |

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

## LIST OF JURORS,

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town, at its Annual Town Meeting, March 5th, 1877.

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Thomas A. Bates.
Adna Bates.
Edwin Bates.
Rufus Bates, Jr.
Albert W. Beal.
David P. Beal.
John W. Bates.
William H. Beal.
Edward E. Ellms.
Stephen D. Farrar.
Phillip Fox.
William H. H. Hancock.
Louis K. F. Howland.
Galen James.
Samuel Kneeland, Jr.
J. Loring Litchfield.
Isaiah Lincoln.
Elisha Lincoln.
Louis N. Lincoln.
Thomas Lincoln, Jr.
James H. Little.
Levi L. Nichols.
Caleb F. Nichols.
James Pettee.
Aaron Pratt.
Samuel E. Pratt.
Ziba C. Small.
Henry Snow.
Franklin Stoddard.
A. H. Tower, Jr.
Samuel D. Tower.
Otis S. Wilbur.
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.
Charles F. Wells.

## LIST OF JURYMEN

Drawn for the Year Ending March 1st, 1877.

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|---|---|
| March 17, 1876. | A. W. Hayden. |
| " 30, " | Joseph H. Smith. |
| April 11, " | George K. Nickerson. |
| Aug. 25, " | Philander Bates. |
| Sept. 14, " | Louis T. Cushing. |
| Nov. 27, " | Walter S. Beal. |
| Dec. 13, " | Washington Brown. |
| Feb. 5, 1877, | Herbert O. Beal. |

# LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES, FEB. 1st, 1877.

| | |
|---|---|
| **1871.** | |
| Heirs of Lincoln Barnes, | $ 61 |
| **1872.** | |
| Heirs of Lincoln Barnes, | 55 |
| Heirs of Daniel J. Bates, | 1 00 |
| Estate of Lydia Lincoln, | 1 91 |
| **1873.** | |
| Heirs of Lincoln Barnes, | 63 |
| Ephraim Snow, . . | 174 80 |
| Heirs of Daniel Bates, | 86 |
| Estate of Lydia Lincoln, | 2 30 |
| " " John Burr, . | 1 96 |
| David Burr, . . | 3 45 |
| Estate of Waters Howard, | 1 38 |
| **1874.** | |
| Heirs of Lincoln Barnes, | 66 |
| Ephraim Snow, . . | 155 74 |
| Heirs of Daniel Bates, . | 60 |
| Estate of Lydia Lincoln, | 2 40 |
| " " John Burr, . | 2 08 |
| David Burr, . . | 3 60 |
| Estate of Waters Howard | 1 44 |
| Robert Ainslie, . . | 17 95 |
| Peter E. Ainslie, . . | 12 35 |
| Albert V. Barnes . | 9 80 |
| Oren A. Beal, . . | 2 00 |
| Oren R. Beal, balance, | 4 60 |
| Larenzo Beal, . . | 2 00 |
| George H. Barnes, . | 2 00 |
| James Denithorne, . | 2 00 |
| Phillip McGillis, . | 2 00 |
| James Rooney, Jr., . | 11 00 |
| Barney Rooney, . | 2 00 |
| Andrew J. Souther, . | 5 48 |
| Sylvanus F. Treat, bal., | 2 50 |
| Joshua Leavitt, . . | 7 38 |
| Gorham P. Bates, . | 1 68 |
| Heirs of Susanna Willcutt | 60 |
| Southward Pratt, . | 1 60 |
| **1875.** | |
| Heirs of Lincoln Barnes, | 58 |
| Ephraim Snow, . . | 139 03 |
| Estate of Lydia Lincoln, | $2 10 |
| " " John Burr, . | 1 79 |
| David Burr, . . . | 3 15 |
| Estate of Waters Howard | 1 26 |
| Robert Ainslie, . . | 18 01 |
| Peter E. Ainslie, . | 5 98 |
| Albert V. Barnes, . . | 8 83 |
| Oren A. Beal, . . | 2 00 |
| Oren R. Beal. . . | 13 03 |
| Lorenzo Beal, . . | 2 00 |
| George H. Barnes, . | 2 00 |
| Phillip McGillis, . | 2 00 |
| James Rooney, . . | 9 88 |
| Barney Rooney, . | 2 00 |
| Andrew J. Souther, . | 3 15 |
| Sylvanus F. Treat, . | 7 78 |
| Joshua Leavitt, . . | 6 46 |
| Heirs of Susanna Willcutt | 53 |
| Southward Pratt, . . | 5 35 |
| George E. Ainslie, . | 6 95 |
| George Arnold, . . | 2 00 |
| Estate of Frederic Bates, | 4 64 |
| Mary Bates, . . | 4 45 |
| Otis V. Barnes, . . | 2 00 |
| Stephen P. Barnes, . | 5 42 |
| Zaccheus L. Beal, . . | 17 75 |
| James E. Brennock, . | 2 00 |
| Adna N. Bates, . . | 2 00 |
| William H. Bates, . | 8 43 |
| Henry E. Bogues, . . | 2 00 |
| Lorenzo D. Bates, . | 2 00 |
| Orlando Curtis, . . | 2 00 |
| Rob't B. Lincoln, trustee, | 10 50 |
| Joseph Dutra, . . | 2 00 |
| A. W. Hayden, Jr., . | 2 00 |
| Joseph T. Hutchinson, . | 2 00 |
| Samuel Jones, . . | 2 00 |
| Charles H. Litchfield, . | 11 56 |
| Thomas Loney, balance, | 11 55 |
| Luther C. Litchfield, . | 2 00 |
| Henry Morris, . . | 2 00 |
| Henry L. Morris, . | 2 00 |
| Horace K. Marden, . | 2 00 |
| Estate of Minot Pratt, | 19 17 |
| John St. John, . . | 2 00 |
| Mannel F. Sylvy, . . | 2 00 |

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|---|---|
| John F. Taylor, | $2 00 |
| George B. Williams, | 5 41 |
| Charles H. Williston, | 2 00 |
| Charles R. Williams, | 2 00 |
| Heirs of Isaac Barnes, | 2 21 |
| Andrew N. Bates, | 53 |
| Anson Nickerson, | 1 96 |
| John W. Peirce, | 1 05 |
| B. R. Webb, | 1 58 |

1876.

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|---|---|
| Andrew J. Arnold, | 8 73 |
| Robert F. Ainslie, | 5 00 |
| Elizabeth Ainslie, | 9 00 |
| Peter E. Ainslie, | 5 50 |
| James Apt, | 10 50 |
| Adna Bates, | 11 50 |
| Lewis Bates, | 12 20 |
| Henry L. Bates, | 2 00 |
| Estate of Abiah Baker, | 89 00 |
| John Barnes, | 6 75 |
| Otis V. Barnes, | 2 00 |
| Albert V. Barnes, | 8 50 |
| Stephen P. Barnes, | 4 00 |
| Charles Barnes, | 4 00 |
| Solomon J. Beal, | 4 50 |
| Zaccheus L. Beal, | 17 60 |
| Oren R. Beal, | 12 50 |
| Oren A. Beal, | 2 00 |
| Estate of Elias Bourne, | 2 45 |
| Isaac W. Beal, | 11 60 |
| John W. Brennock, | 2 00 |
| Adna N. Bates, | 2 00 |
| William H. Bates, | 6 37 |
| Nathan H. Beal, | 3 55 |
| Henry E. Bogues, | 2 00 |
| Lorenzo Beal, | 2 00 |
| David P. Beal, | 2 00 |
| Albert W. Beal, | 2 00 |
| James S. Beal, | 2 00 |
| Thomas L. Bates, | 2 00 |
| Lorenzo W. Bates, | 2 00 |
| Lorenzo D. Bates, | 6 25 |
| Charles Curtis, | 2 00 |
| Rob't B. Lincoln, trustee, | 10 00 |
| Benjamin H. Crane, | 2 00 |
| William Couillard, | 6 25 |
| Thomas Colbath, | 2 00 |
| D. S. M. Doane, | 4 20 |
| Heirs of Harriet M. Doane | 42 44 |
| Joseph Dutra, | 2 00 |
| Joseph Enos, | $2 00 |
| Mary Fox, | 28 75 |
| Anna Fox, | 7 75 |
| John E. Groce, | 2 00 |
| Antone George, | 12 50 |
| Alonzo E. Gove, | 2 00 |
| Alfred Haskell, | 8 70 |
| A. W. Hayden, Jr. | 2 00 |
| Harrison Henry, | 9 50 |
| Samuel Hardwick, | 5 25 |
| Jesse D. Hutchinson, | 2 00 |
| Samuel Jones, | 2 50 |
| Charles Knapp, | 2 00 |
| Stephen P. Lincoln, | 6 30 |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, | 2 00 |
| Charles H. Lothrop, | 6 00 |
| Charles H. Litchfield, | 7 25 |
| Edward H. Litchfield, | 2 00 |
| Foster Litchfield, | 10 75 |
| Hiram C. Litchfield, | 2 00 |
| Luther C. Litchfield, | 2 00 |
| Thomas Loney, | 13 00 |
| Warren N. Leeds, | 2 00 |
| George T. Morey, | 17 00 |
| John L. Morey, | 2 00 |
| Thomas Mulvey, | 2 00 |
| Levi L. Minot, | 2 00 |
| Henry Morris, | 2 00 |
| Henry L. Morris, | 2 00 |
| John D. Morris, | 2 00 |
| Phillip McGillis, | 2 00 |
| Horace K. Marden, | 2 00 |
| Frederic A. Marsh, | 5 00 |
| Michael McDermot, | 2 40 |
| John F. Munroe, | 2 00 |
| Warren Newcomb, | 2 00 |
| George Pratt, | 7 78 |
| George W. Pratt, | 2 00 |
| Estate of Minot Pratt, | 18 76 |
| Southward Pratt, | 2 00 |
| Alonzo L. Palmer, | 19 70 |
| Plummer F. Palmer, | 2 00 |
| Nathaniel R. Prouty, | 2 00 |
| James Rooney, | 6 50 |
| James Rooney, Jr. | 10 75 |
| Barney Rooney, | 2 00 |
| Carrie S. Richardson, | 13 50 |
| Joseph Souther, | 2 00 |
| Estate of Daniel Sullivan, | 7 50 |
| Ephraim Snow, | 76 49 |
| Margaret S. Snow, | 37 87 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| John J. Silvia, . . | $2 00 | Heirs of Lincoln Barnes, | $ 55 |
| Manuel F. Silvia, . | 2 00 | Estate of John Burr, . | 1 70 |
| John C. Silvia, . . | 2 00 | David Burr, . . . | 3 00 |
| Joseph Smith, . . | 12 75 | G. N. Basset, balance, | 1 50 |
| Charles C. Jmith, . . | 2 00 | Wallace Corthell, . . | 1 60 |
| E. Smith & Co., , . | 30 75 | Osgood Eaton, . . | 6 50 |
| Stephen T. Sherman, . | 2 00 | Estate of Charles Fearing, | 2 00 |
| John E. Salvedor, . | 3 75 | " " Waters Howard, | 1 20 |
| George F. Sargent, . . | 2 00 | Frankl n King, . . | 50 |
| Cloff Swinson, . . | 2 00 | Estate of Lydia Lincoln, | 2 00 |
| Isaac H. Tower, . . | 2 00 | " " Solomon Lincoln, | 1 60 |
| Stephen Taylor, . . | 2 00 | Joshua Leavitt, . . | 6 15 |
| Nathaniel W. Treat, . | 3 00 | Augustus Lothrop, . | 14 50 |
| Estate of A. R. Treat, . | 4 50 | E. L. Marshall, . . | 2 50 |
| William F. Thayer, Jr., . | 3 00 | John W. Peirce, . | 1 50 |
| Thomas Whitcomb, . | 20 88 | Heirs of Susanna Willcutt, | 50 |
| Thomas C. Whitcomb, . | 5 50 | James Cambell, . . | 63 |
| Wallace Willcutt, . | 2 00 | John George, . . | 1 00 |

Edward P. Tucker, 32 50.

# ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

March 5th, 1877.

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Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law.

Art. 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Support of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Support of Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

Art. 5 In what manner will the Town collect the taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and Families of the slain.

Art. 7. To hear the report of Selectmen on Guide-boards, and act thereon.

Art. 8. Will the Town accept of the List of Jurors, prepared and posted, by the Selectmen.

Art. 9. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Art. 10. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to complete the widening of Elm Street, or act thereon.

Art. 11. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a Sidewalk on King Street, or act thereon.

Art. 12. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to cause some of the Old Records to be copied, and the Originals placed in some safe place, or act thereon.

Art. 13. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to flow the meadows between Jerusalem Road and Bow Street.

Art. 14. Will the Town take any further action in the matter of building the road from King Street to Jerusalem Road.

Art. 15. To hear the report of any Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 16. Will the Town cause the Town Hall to be altered so that egress may be safer.

Art. 17. What action will the Town take in relation to the care of Tramps.

Art. 18. Will the Town authorize the School Committee to petition the Commissioners of Norfolk County to establish a School in said County for truants.

Art. 19. Will the Town make an appropriation to preserve the Alewife Fishery, or act thereon.

# LIST OF
# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS
## Registered in Cohasset for the Year 1876.

PREPARED BP THE TOWN CLERK.

### MARRIAGES.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residence. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 1, | Walter B. Staples<br>Adeline F. Burbank | E.Weymouth<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| Feb. 16, | J. Foster Percival<br>M. Alice Snow | Waterv'eMe<br>Cohasset | Married in East Boston by Rev. W. H. Cudworth. |
| April 12, | George W. Kimball<br>Ellen A. Lincoln | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| " 20, | Joseph S. Enos<br>Sarah V. Lawrence | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Weymouth by Rev. H. P. Smyth. |
| June 8, | James W. Harlow<br>Irene B. Lincoln | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| July 20, | Arthur S. Fearing<br>Emma F. Morse | Hingham<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. James O. Thompson. |
| " 26, | Joseph F. Ennice<br>Joakina Candala | Cohasset<br>Boston | Married in Boston by Rev. J. Ignatius. |
| Aug. 23, | Winslow L. Montgomery<br>Elizabeth W. Silsbie | Boston<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. James Reed. |
| Sept. 27, | John M. Damon<br>Ellen M. Joy | Scituate<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Oct. 10, | William Eddy<br>Ella J. Pratt | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. C. D. R. Meacham. |
| Nov. 2, | James H. Studley<br>Ruth I. Farrar | So. Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| " 17, | Frank Antoine<br>Margaret Frates | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| " 20, | Lewis F. Lincoln<br>Mary E. C. Crowell | Hingham<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. James O. Thompson. |
| " 28, | Warren B. Chamberlin<br>H. Elizabeth D. Tower | Bath, N. H.<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 29, | Samuel A. Allen<br>Abbie D. Stetson | Randolph<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 29, | Samuel L. Williams<br>Augusta Burbank | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Dec. 17, | Allison B. Cobb<br>Ella Hobart | Truro<br>Hingham | Married in Cohasset by Rev. James O. Thompson. |

Number of marriages registered in 1876, as above, seventeen, the smallest number for ten years.

Number of Certificates of Intention of Marriage issued during 1876 — sixteen.

## BIRTHS.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Parents Names. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 6, | William Fabens Cushing.. | Louis T. & Mary R..... | So. Main st. |
| " | 7, | Willard Alfred Sargent..... | George F. & Sarah M..... | Church st. |
| " | 9, | *Clarence Silva..... | Joseph & Caroline L. | Winter st. |
| " | 12, | *Willie Herbert Apts..... | William W. & Henrietta..... | Church st. |
| " | 14, | Sarah Florence James..... | Samuel G. & Elizabeth A..... | King st. |
| " | 28, | Joseph Fraites Francis..... | Antoine & Catharine..... | Margin st. |
| Feb. | 18, | *Quincy Osborn Wood..... | Osborn & Adeline P..... | King st. |
| Mar. | 16, | Francis Henry McDermott. | Michael & Ellen..... | Hingham. |
| " | 16, | Robert Lindsay Sheridan.. | Thomas J. & Mary A..... | Border st. |
| " | 22, | Edith Leonora P. Antoine.. | Frank & Mary..... | Margin st. |
| " | 23, | Martha Maria Lincoln..... | Isaiah & Martha S..... | Beechw'd st. |
| " | 29, | Celia Louisa Studley..... | Edwin B. & Melissa..... | Atlantic av. |
| April | 8, | *Ernestine Lincoln... ..... | David B. & Eloise..... | Jerus. road. |
| " | 14, | Henry Francis Caton..... | Thomas & Margaret..... | Pleasant st. |
| " | 24, | Emma V. Fraites..... | Frank & Mary J..... | Margin st. |
| May | 1, | Catharine Ellen Dalton..... | James & Margaret..... | Pleasant st. |
| " | 15, | Samuel Stoddard..... | Franklin & Ellen W..... | Church st. |
| " | 25, | Charlotte Sophronia Tower. | N. B. & Sophronia L..... | No. Main st. |
| June | 5, | Henry Freeman Morris..... | Henry L. & Addie M..... | Beechw'd st. |
| " | 8, | Manuel Enos Smith..... | John & Lucy E ..... | Elm st. |
| " | 13, | Sarah Louisa McCormick.. | John & Sarah..... | Pond st. |
| July | 13, | Jane Francis Ainslie..... | Henry & Lizzie..... | Margin st. |
| " | 23, | Harold Russell West..... | Charles E. & Hattie E..... | Hull st. |
| " | 29, | Cordelia Atwood Arnold... | Edward H. & Alifia..... | Beechw'd st. |
| Aug. | 5, | Orianna Augusta Souther.. | William O. & Orianna A..... | King st. |
| " | 6, | Emily Silva Leonard..... | Manuel S. & Rita V..... | Elm st. |
| " | 10, | Mary Lois Litchfield..... | A. Bradford & Eliza J..... | Beechw'd st. |
| " | 11, | Esther Eliza Munnies..... | Joseph & Angelina..... | " |
| " | 26, | Lydia Marie Smith ..... | Charles C. & Catharine M.... | No. Main st. |
| Sept. | 8, | Albert Fraites Gracia ..... | Manuel & Mary..... | Border st. |
| " | 15, | Elizabeth Bandura..... | Antoine F. & Louisa..... | Margin st. |
| " | 25, | Alitia Margaret Rooney.... | Barney & Delia..... | " |
| " | 28, | Wm. Alex. Warren Souther. | Joseph & Mary F..... | Border st. |
| Oct. | 2, | William Desmond..... | Daniel & Mary..... | " |
| " | 11, | Ansel Penniman Thayer.... | Samuel N. Maggie L..... | Pleasant st. |
| " | 11, | Kate Healey..... | Matthew & Mary..... | " |
| " | 14, | *—— Taylor..... | William & Susanna..... | Church st. |
| " | 16, | Thomas Donovan..... | Thomas & Mary..... | Border st. |
| " | 30, | Russell Bates Tower..... | Edward E. & Charlotte M. B.. | No. Main. st. |
| Nov. | 1, | Augusta Theodore Neilson.. | John & Matilda..... | East Boston. |
| " | 2, | Clarence Soien Brazile..... | Manuel & Julia R..... | Atlantic av. |
| " | 11, | Hester Clifford Howland.... | Louis K. F. & Sarah E..... | So. Main st. |
| " | 19, | Sadie Agnes Valine ..... | Manuel P. & Sarah E..... | Margin st. |
| " | 23, | Gabriel Renshaw..... | David & Lydia..... | Summer st. |
| " | 24, | Jennie A. Cousens..... | Charles A. & D. Augusta..... | Elm st., |
| " | 27, | Samuel Chester Pratt..... | Samuel E. Caroline..... | Beechw'd st. |
| Dec. | 1, | James Lawrence Rooney... | James Jr., & Delia..... | Margin st. |
| " | 8, | —— Brock..... | Daniel W. & Melvina..... | Jerus. Road. |
| " | 11, | Charlotte Louisa Silva. .... | Manuel & Maria E..... | Margin st. |
| " | 15, | Joseph Gracia..... | Thomas & Frances..... | Border st. |
| " | 28, | Lillian Kilburn..... | —— Deborah L..... | Snow Place. |
| " | 31, | Julia Marcia Beal..... | Zaccheus L. & Marcia P..... | Hull st. |

* In the list of Deaths, also.

There were fifty-two births registered in this town for the year 1876, twenty-four males and twenty-eight females — as per list above.

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|---|---|---|
| American parentage, | . . . . | 26 |
| Foreign " | . . . . . | 18 |
| Mixed " | . . . . | 8 |
| | | — 52 |

# DEATHS.

| Date. | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 2, | Sarah J. Wells | 39 | 2 | | Rheumatic Fever | Cedar street. |
| " 24, | 1 Sarah Sweeney | 2 | 8 | 21 | Scarlet Fever | North Main st. |
| Feb. 16, | 2 Ellen L. Ennice | 68 | | | Apoplexy | Border street. |
| " 18, | Willie H. Apts | | 1 | 6 | Infantile | Church street. |
| " 20, | 1 Daniel Sullivan | 57 | | | Apoplexy | Pleasant street. |
| " 24, | Mary E. Wood | 1 | 11 | 16 | Scarlet Fever | King street. |
| " 26, | Jesse Tower | 57 | 11 | | Bright's Disease | " " |
| " 28, | Quincy O. Wood | | | 10 | Diptheria | " " |
| Mar. 4, | 3 Martha M. Ford | 19 | 10 | | Puerperal Convulsions | Beechwood st. |
| " 17, | 1 William P. O'Connell | 3 | 2 | 7 | Scarlet Fever | Pleasant street. |
| " 14, | 1 Eliza H. O'Connell | 1 | 3 | 17 | " " | " " |
| " 17, | Aquilla R. Treat | 76 | 9 | | Cystitis | Elm street. |
| " 31, | William Bates | 75 | | 7 | Pneumonia | " " |
| Apl. 2, | 4 Eliza Minot | 76 | 1 | 11 | Old Age | Beechwood st. |
| " 5, | Willie M. James | 5 | | | Diptheria | King street. |
| " 7, | 1 John R. Roach | 1 | 7 | 26 | Scarlet Fever | Pleasant street. |
| " 10, | William H. Sheridan | 5 | 1 | 16 | Diptheretic Croup | Border street. |
| " 17, | Anna A. James | 1 | 6 | | Diptheria | King street. |
| " 17, | Sarah L. James | 11 | 9 | | " | " " |
| " 29, | Charles H. Williston | 6 | 5 | 4 | " | " " |
| May 2, | James A. Williston | 4 | 5 | 6 | " | " " |
| " 8, | Hannah T. Lawrence | 32 | 11 | | Epilepsy | Pleasant street. |
| " 16, | 4 Anna E. Frates | 3 | 5 | | Scarlet Fever | Border street. |
| " 20, | Daniel Freeman | 70 | | 18 | Dropsy | Cedar street. |
| June 1, | Fred E. Olmstead | 11 | 11 | | Diptheria | Highland ave. |
| " 10, | Ida B. Renshaw | 3 | 1 | | Marasmus | Summer street. |
| " 18, | 1 Rufus W. Colbrith | 3 | 7 | | Diptheria | No. Main street. |
| " 29, | Eddy J. Damon | 6 | 10 | | Congestion of Brain | Pleasant street. |
| July 1, | 5 Benj. S. Robinson | 35 | 1 | | Consumption | Black R'k House. |
| " 5, | Martin N. Bates | 64 | 3 | | Typhoid Pneumonia. | So. Main street. |
| Aug. 1, | Helen A. Olmstead | 4 | 11 | 17 | Diptheria | Highland ave. |
| " 6, | James A. Wilkins | 61 | 6 | | Softening of Brain | No. Main street. |
| " 8, | Thomas Murphy | 42 | 7 | | Paralysis | Beechwood st. |
| " 21, | Ernestine Lincoln | | 4 | 13 | Cholera Infantum | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 24, | Henry W. Beal | 47 | 2 | 9 | Congestion of Lungs. | So. Main street. |
| Sept. 1, | Eugene P. James | | 10 | 28 | Cholera Infantum | King street. |
| " 4, | Mary Fox | 47 | 2 | | Schirus Cancer | No. Main street. |
| Oct. 14, | —— Taylor | | | 1 | Infantile | Church street. |
| " 15, | Hannah O. Bates | 64 | 8 | 15 | Debility | So. Main street. |
| Nov. 11, | William Couillard | 75 | | | Pericarditis | Beechwood st. |
| " 18, | George W. Cousens | 73 | 8 | | Paralysis | Summer street. |
| Dec. 5, | Edith A. Studley | 2 | 2 | 7 | Convulsions | Border Street. |
| " 30, | Clarence Silva | | 11 | 21 | Diptheria | Winter Street. |

1 Buried at Quincy. 2 Buried at Taunton. 3 Buried at S. Scituate.
4 Buried at Scituate. 5 Buried at Epsom, N. H.

In the above list are the names of forty-three persons—twenty-five male and eighteen female—who died in this town during the year 1876. Of these 30 were of American parentage; 8 of Foreign parentage; 4 of mixed parentage; 1, unknown.

The following list contains the names of all persons brought to this town during the year 1876, for interment, having died in other places.

## DEATHS.—(Continued.)

| Date of Death. | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January 9, | Joshua L. Cousens | 40 | | | Boston. |
| " 28, | Samuel H. Hall | 34 | 4 | | " |
| February 4, | Joseph E. Penfold | | 6 | | Hingham. |
| " 19, | Joanna N. Cousens | 71 | 6 | 24 | Boston. |
| March 2, | Lydia C. Beal | 76 | 7 | | " |
| " 3, | Samuel B. Jenkins | 37 | | | Chicago. |
| " 30, | Mary O. Parker | 69 | | | East Boston. |
| April 30, | Adeline Bates | 1 | 11 | | Boston. |
| May 11, | George Tower | 65 | 1 | | " |
| July 8, | Percie B. Bates | 2 | 3 | 10 | Newton. |
| " 8, | Mary J. Tower | 69 | 6 | | Taunton. |
| August 12, | Margaret P. Holmes | 55 | 1 | 2 | Boston. |
| October 6, | Thomas B. Hardwick | 25 | 2 | | Taunton. |
| " 16, | —— Bates | | | | Chelsea. |
| " 24, | Eliza Champney | 58 | | | Boston. |
| " 27, | Lucretia O. Cooper | 42 | | | " |
| November 17, | Effie H. Bruce | 2 | 11 | 17 | Stow. |
| " 19, | Alexander Robbins | 86 | | | Plymouth. |
| " 29, | Wallace W. Bruce | 10 | 5 | 11 | Stow. |
| December 1, | Mary S. Bates | 6 | 6 | | Boston. |
| " 26, | Aaron Nichols | 23 | 4 | | Marshfield. |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

# COHASSET,

FOR THE

# YEAR 1876-7.

# REPORT.

The Superintendent of Schools in Cohasset, respectfully submits to the School Committee, the following Report.

All the schools in the town have been in a prosperous condition during the year, and have quietly and successfully pursued their appointed work. Although they have not yet reached perfection, and many things might be suggested by which they could be improved, yet, certainly, a great improvement has been made in the classification of the scholars, and in discipline and harmonious conduct of the schools. The teachers have been obliged to resort to corporal punishment but very seldom,—some teachers not at all,—and no scholar has been suspended permanently from any of the schools; while the good order of the children, their general application to study, the neatness with which they have kept the school-rooms, and their carefulness with regard to the school furniture and buildings, have never been more worthy of commendation.

There have been very few changes in the schools, and no school has failed to give satisfaction, or has been interrupted, for any great length of time, by sickness or any other cause.

The Jerusalem School has been continued under the care of Miss Anna Fox, who has shown a deep interest in her pupils, and labored industriously for their advance-

ment. Three pupils left the school at the close of the last Summer term, well prepared to enter the High School, two of whom have become members of that school. The school has been unusually small, from the fact that the children from Hull, whom it has been the custom to send to this school ever since the present house was built, have been withdrawn, and a school in Hull established for them.

Miss Martha A. Bates has continued to teach the North Grammar School, and Miss Susie L. Stoddard the North Primary, both of which schools have been in their usual excellent condition during the year.

The Centre Grammar School, under the charge of Miss Annie A. Souther, and the Centre Primary, under the charge of Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, have been so large that they have required a great deal of energy and labor on the part of their teachers, but they have been kept up to their usual high standard, and the children in them have made commendable progress in their studies.

The South Grammar School, which had been for a number of years taught by Miss Elizabeth D. Tower, who resigned her position at the close of the Winter term, was put under the care of Miss Sarah C. Nichols. The school has been large, and one of the most difficult in the town, but Miss Nichols has displayed great energy and perseverance, and has succeeded in keeping a good school.

Miss Myra L. Beal has taught the South Primary School, which has also been large, with her usual enthusiasm and success.

Mr. L. Webster Bates has continued to teach the Beechwoods Grammar School, and Miss Georgianna Bates the Beechwoods Primary School, in both of which schools the children have been in a good state of discipline, and have made commendable progress in learning. These schools have always suffered from the irregular attendance of the

children in summer. To remedy this difficulty, in part at least, which is caused by many of the children being employed in work or in picking berries in the summer, it has been thought best to close the Summer School two weeks before the other schools, shortening the Fall and Spring vacations two weeks.

The Harbor School has been in a very satisfactory condition under the continued care of Miss Charlotte M. Whittington, and the children have made good progress in learning. Miss Addie F. Beal was employed to teach the King Street School at the beginning of the Spring term, which was delayed some time on account of the sickness which had prevailed among the children. She conducted the school successfully till the close of the Fall term, when she resigned her position, and Miss Roberta Nichols was appointed teacher in her place. Miss Nichols is doing excellent work in the school, and bids fair to become a very successful teacher.

The High School, which was placed under the charge of Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop as principal, and Mr. E. P. Collier as assistant, a year ago this winter, has been continued under the charge of the same teachers. The school has been in good order through the year, the scholars generally interested in their studies, and an excellent spirit has prevailed. While, in former years, it has not unfrequently been necessary to expel boys for insubordination when the school has been taught by gentlemen, and often severe punishments have been resorted to, no case of permanent expulsion, or of severe punishment has been found necessary during the year. The order has been good, and the large boys who attend the school during the winter term only, have shown an excellent disposition, and a gentlemanly bearing for which they deserve high credit.

The common branches of study have been faithfully attended to, while the more advanced scholars have shown a laudable interest, and have made satisfactory progress in higher branches of study. There are two classes in French, one in Latin, one in Algebra, one in Physical Geography, and two in History, including the study of the Constitution of the United States.

The High School is better classified at present than it has ever been before, all the pupils, except those who come only in the winter term, being divided into three classes, so arranged that they can take up the usual studies of the school in orderly succession, and thus acquire a much more complete and useful education.

The standard for admission has been gradually raised, and those who are admitted to the school at present, are required to have learned thoroughly Colburn's First Lessons, Written Arithmetic, as far as Compound Interest, all the Geography that is necessary to be studied, except Physical Geography, and Swinton's first two books on Language, the Language Primer and Language Lessons.

By adhering to this arrangement, all the scholars who enter at the beginning of each school year can be formed into one class, and the teachers of the Grammar Schools will have a certain definite and fixed standard, which they will endeavor to make their first classes reach.

The condition of the High School, and the arrangement of studies in it, were never more satisfactory than at present; and when we take into consideration the impossibility of sustaining a High School of the first class in a small town, if from no other cause, from the want of a sufficient number of properly prepared pupils to attend it, we have reason to congratulate ourselves that our school has accomplished so much, and is promising so well for the future.

In 1826, the town chose a committee of eight, of whom the Hon. James C. Doane is the only surviving member, and who doubtless prepared the very able and wise report, "to see whether it be necessary to make any, and if any, what changes in the schools."

The committee reported to the town at the next March meeting, and recommended the establishment of what would be equivalent to our High School, although for only four months in the year. The recommendation was accepted, and such a school was sustained for one year, and then abandoned.

The High School was permanently established in 1841, and has been sustained ever since. It must be a source of great satisfaction to Mr. Doane, now, at his advanced age, to see that the plan which he and his associates, in the vigor of his mature manhood, proposed and earnestly advocated, was finally adopted, and has secured for the town all the advantages which he anticipated.

This school has had its difficulties, its trials, and its failures, so that at times its friends have been anxious about its usefulness, but it has survived them all, growing stronger from year to year, and now has become so essential a part of our school system, that if it should now be discontinued, which, by the way, is not legally allowable, it would be like destroying the keystone of an arch, causing the ruin of the whole structure.

In the Report of the School Committee in 1851, when the school had been in operation but one year as an annual school, may be found the following passage:

"The question is often asked, 'why is it necessary to send out of town for so large a proportion of our teachers, even at the risk, sometimes, in consequence of our inevitable ignorance of their character and qualifications, of employing those entirely unfit for the office? We

have young men and young women, enough, desirous of obtaining some respectable and remunerative business; yet a very large proportion of our teachers are from other towns.' An answer may be found in the fact, that so little has been done, or at least, wisely done, to elevate our youth and interest them in study. And this state of things must continue till we can train up efficient teachers in our public schools. A good High School, continued from year to year, would do much to remedy this difficulty; for in it young men and women might be fitted to instruct the highest grade of our District Schools, to assist in High Schools, and might have their minds so quickened, instructed, and disciplined, as to do much for education in whatever situation they might be placed."

During the year for which this report was prepared, 1850–51, there were fourteen different teachers employed in the town, and of these but three were natives of Cohasset, while eleven came from other towns.

There are, at present, thirteen teachers employed in our schools. All of them, with one exception, have been educated in our High School, three of whom have received additional educational advantages; and all are not only natives of Cohasset, but are lineal descendants of those who were inhabitants of what was the Second Precinct of Hingham, when it was first incorporated in 1717.

One difficulty which our schools have always had to contend with, and which is injurious to the highest success of the schools, and is now perhaps the greater obstacle to the perfect working of our school system, is the prevalence of truancy and absenteeism from school. The evil is not so great, it is believed, as it has been some past years, as efforts have been made through the truant officers, and in other ways, to obviate it as much as possible. Yet there are a few children, whom their parents cannot

keep in school, who are growing up in ignorance and idleness,—some of them already candidates for the Almshouse, the House of Correction, or the State Prison. It would be a great benefit to the boys themselves, to their parents, to the schools, and to the town, if these boys could be apprehended, and placed in a suitable institution where they could be instructed in learning, and taught to be industrious, obedient and orderly. Sending away one or two such boys would have a favorable influence, not only on the schools, but on all the boys of this class in the town.

In 1862, the town adopted By-Laws to meet all these cases.

But one difficulty in the way of enforcing these By-Laws, has been the want of a suitable place where children convicted under them can be sent.

To meet such a difficulty, the Legislature, in 1873, passed an "Act concerning Truant Children and Absentees from School," the fifth section of which is as follows:

"When three or more cities or towns in any county shall so require, the county commissioners shall establish at convenient places therein, other than the Jail or House of Correction, at the expense of the county, truant schools, for the confinement, discipline, and instruction of minor children convicted under the provisions of this act, and shall make suitable provisions for the government and control of said schools, and for the appointment of the proper officers thereof."

Such a school is very much needed in Norfolk County.

It is recommended, therefore, that the town pass a vote petitioning the County Commissioners of Norfolk County, to establish such a School for Truant Children, and Absentees from school. It is to be hoped, also, that other towns in the County join in such a petition.

The comparative attendance of children in our schools,

from time to time, and the changes which have taken place with regard to the condition of these children as to nationality and previous training, are matters of historical interest.

In 1826, there were 522 children, from four to sixteen, for whom school money was drawn. During the winter term there were attending school, 44 in the Jerusalem District, 227 in the North, 201 in the South, and 50 in the Beechwoods, making 247 in all. Adding 50 for the estimated additional attendance in summer, the whole attendance was 297. There was probably no child of foreign parentage among them.

In 1846, there was but one child, born of foreign parentage, in our schools. During the past year, 1876 there were in town, 458 children between five and fifteen years of age, and of these there were 142 attending school, both whose parents or whose grand-parents were of foreign birth.

The following table shows the number of children attending each school during the year:

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jerusalem, | 20 | 18 | 15 |
| North Grammar, | 26 | 25 | 23 |
| North Primary, | 37 | 29 | 27 |
| Centre Grammar, | 27 | 38 | 40 |
| Centre Primary, | 43 | 37 | 38 |
| South Grammar, | 42 | 35 | 37 |
| South Primary, | 42 | 42 | 40 |
| Harbor, | 45 | 37 | 34 |
| King Street, | 11 | 18 | 20 |
| Beechwoods Grammar, | 32 | 28 | 37 |
| " Primary, | 33 | 34 | 27 |
| High School, | 50 | 53 | 67 |
| | 408 | 394 | 405 |

As the year in which has been included the larger portion of our school year, was the centennial year of our

country's history, it would seem to be not inappropriate to collect, and preserve from oblivion, some of the most important facts relating to the establishment and progress of the schools in Cohasset.

The earliest town or precinct record which we have, states that, "At Boston, in the County of Suffolk, in New England, the Great and General Court" has "granted us, the inhabitants of Cohasset, alias Little Hingham, a precinct, by setting us off from Hingham town, as by their record bearing date the 21st day of November, 1717, being had may more fully appear."

Mr. Flint, in his Centennial Discourses, states, that probably a few families settled within the limits of the town as early as 1670; "for about that time, Conohasset, being all undivided common land of Hingham, was divided among its proprietors." "In 1714 they obtained liberty to build a house of worship, and petitioned the town of Hingham to remit to them their ministerial and school taxes."

"This petition was twice rejected, and the privileges of a parish organization were secured only when they had made a successful application to the General Court."

After the organization of the precinct, the first business was to procure the services of a minister, and to raise money to pay for preaching. But the next business was to provide for the education of the children.

The first reference made to a school in the precinct record is as follows:

"March 31, 1721. John Farrow, Obediah Lincoln, and Joseph Bate, are chosen to take care concerning the school, and to take the money from the town of Hingham and to dispose of it as followeth: One-third part of it to be paid to a school-dame for teaching the children to read, and two-thirds of the money to be disposed of to teach the children to write and to cipher."

It is not unlikely that this committee failed to carry out the vote of the meeting, for the following is the next record in relation to the school:

"March 31, 1724. The society voted that the money that came from the town, which is in the hands of John Farrow, Obediah Lincoln, and Joseph Bate, should be disposed of to learn the children to read and write in this precinct."

It appears from the record that the precinct voted and raised all the money necessary for the support of the ministry, for the repairs and care of the meeting-house, and everything pertaining to strictly parish expenses, while all other assessments were levied and collected by the town of Hingham, in which, doubtless, the free-holders of the precinct had a right to vote. The money raised for roads, the poor, etc., was expended by the town. A proper proportion for the support of a school or schools was remitted to the precinct. There seems to have been difficulty about this matter in 1727, according to the records of that year:

March 22, 1727. "The society passed a vote to choose a committee to make an address to the town of Hingham relating to the school. Prince Joy, John Jacob, and Joseph Bate, are chosen a committee to carry a petition to the town of Hingham for our part of the school money, or our part of the schooling."

July 31, 1727. There was a "vote called whether they would have a meeting to know the precinct's mind concerning petitioning the Great and General Court concerning the school; and it passed in the affirmative."

August 14, 1727. "A vote was called whether they would address the General Court concerning the school. It passed in the affirmative, and the voters then present chose John Jacob, agent, to prefer a petition to the General Court."

This action shows the earnestness of the people to have a school; and doubtless it had the desired effect, for we read:

June 17, 1728. "The society voted to improve the money they draw out of the town tax this present year for the support of a school."

October 13, 1728. "John Jacob, Joshua Bate, and John Orcutt, were chosen to provide a school-master, and also to provide a school-house for the present."

In the years 1729 and 1730, the school money was received and it was voted that a school should be kept, but probably for only a few weeks in the year. It was not to begin in 1729 till Dec. 30th.

December 30, 1731. "It was voted to improve the money granted by the town of Hingham for keeping a school."

"It was voted that the two arms of the precinct, and those that were minded to join with them, might have the school with them, their proportion according to what they pay to said school, viz.: the inhabitants at Rocky Nook, Straight's Pond Mill, and Nichols's at one end; and the inhabitants of the Beechwoods at the other end. It was also voted to build a school-house in the second precinct."

The school-house seems to have been begun, but not finished till some time after, according to the following record: —

"Oct. 7, 1734: voted to proceed in building a school-house; also . . . that the two arms of the precinct, viz., all the inhabitants above Samuel Orcutt's in Beechwoods street; and west from Hezekiah Lincoln's, viz., the inhabitants of Rocky Nook, at Straight's pond mill, and the Nichols's, excepting Joazaniah Nichols and Jeremiah Mansfield, may draw their proportion of the money

granted by the town of Hingham towards the building of a school-house; provided they use the same in building a school-house, or school-houses.

"It was voted that the frame now raised shall be continued and finished. It was also voted that the inhabitants dwelling in the lane from Scituate pond to the road north-west may have liberty to join with the two arms."

The date of the building of the first school-house in the precinct must be assigned to the year 1734. It stood on the Plain between where the houses of Capt. Samuel Hall and Mr. Zenas Lincoln are now located.

School matters continued to be conducted as they had been for a number of years.

A master was employed, who in the earlier years kept a short winter school in the Centre, and sometimes, probably, shorter terms at some place at the Beechwoods, Rocky Nook, or Straight's pond mill. As the population in the centre increased the school was lengthened, and required all the time of the school-master, except for two or three of the warm months, as the school is represented as closing in June and beginning again in September. Other teachers were doubtless employed for short terms in the other two schools. There was only one school-house till 1792 when the town voted to build a school-house, and move the old one.

Female teachers, except when a dame school was provided for in 1721, do not appear to have been employed till 1768, when it was "voted that four pounds of the proportion of the school money that belongs to the centre of the precinct be laid out and improved in three women's schools, at such times and at such places as shall be appointed by a committee that shall be chosen to provide school matters; and also that the remainder of the

last mentioned school money be improved in a writing and reading school at the school-house, to begin the first Monday in October."

Again in 1769, it was "voted that there be four schools kept by school-mistresses in the centre of the town, and that eight pounds be appropriated for that purpose."

In 1770 the precinct became a district, with most of the municipal rights and duties of a town. It then first became necessary for the district of Cohasset to assess and raise its own school money. It accordingly voted to raise thirty pounds for the use of the schools.

It was also voted, "that the inhabitants of the Beechwoods, so called, and of Jerusalem, so called, be allowed to draw their proportion of the money granted for the school, or schools, provided they improve the same for a writing and reading school." This is the first time that the term "Jerusalem" is applied in the records to one of the divisions of the town, at least, in relation to the schools. In 1771 an attempt was made to organize what afterwards became the South district, and a vote was passed for that purpose, but it was afterwards reconsidered. But in the same year it was voted that the school which should be kept in the Centre district the current year, be kept six months in the school-house, and the remainder of the time, one half at, or near Joseph Willcutt's, and the other half at, or near John Stephenson's. In 1785 it was "voted that the town be divided into three divisions convenient for schooling."

The usual amount of money raised for the support of the schools was from thirty to sixty pounds, but sometimes the amount was nominally much larger, when continental money became greatly depreciated; as in 1780, when twenty-five hundred pounds were voted for school money.

The record in the Treasurer's book for 1796 is worthy

of remembrance, for it affords us some interesting statements respecting the school arrangements, and shows in that year, just eighty years ago the current year, the first use of Federal money in the school appropriations. In that year $200.00 were raised for the support of schools, of which $86.84 were appropriated to the North school, $71.20 to the South, $15.27 to Jerusalem, and $29.69 to the Beechwoods.

The appropriation, as recorded in the town records, is sixty pounds, but in the town records of the next year, Federal money is used.

In 1800 the town raised $1,100.00, of which $300.00 was appropriated for schools. The minister's salary was also to be paid out of the appropriation.

It was voted that one fourth part of this money be laid out "in a woman's or women's school."

It was also "voted that a committee of three for each division, to procure school-masters and mistresses, be chosen."

This custom of the town's chosing prudential committees for the several districts was continued till 1829, when the town voted that each district should choose their own committee. This arrangement continued, except for two or three years, till 1870, when the district system had been abolished by the law of the State. Since then the general committee have had the entire charge of the schools. In 1873 the town authorized the School Committee to choose a superintendent who has since had the practical charge and oversight of the schools.

The district system never had, in fact, any legal authority in the town.

In 1804 a committee, consisting of Rev. Mr. Flint, Dr. Nichols, and Thomas Lothrop was chosen to visit the

schools. This was the first general or superintending committee chosen in the town. This committee does not seem to have been chosen annually, and it is probable that the duty of visiting the schools devolved on Mr. Flint alone.

In 1818, however, a committee of three was chosen to visit the schools with the Rev. Mr. Flint, which custom was continued till 1826, when the State law was passed requiring every town to choose a general school committee annually. At first a general committee of eight was chosen, and the town continued to choose a large committee till 1830, when a committee of three was chosen.

This has continued to be the number of the members of the general or superintending committee, except that for a few times five were chosen.

In 1817 it "was voted to raise $400.00 school money, $20.00 of which was to be appropriated for the singing society under the direction of the selectmen." For some years afterward it was the custom to take from $30.00 to $50.00 annually from the school money to support a singing-school, or the singing society.

In 1820 the question was discussed concerning raising money for a singing school. It was voted "that singing is a necessary charge."

In the report of the committee before referred to in connection with the High School chosen May 1, 1826, "to consult concerning the expediency of making changes in the schools, it was recommended that a suitable place be provided for a school-room, as central as circumstances will permit, for the sole use of such boys and girls as have arrived at the age of fourteen, and that the town appropriate $225.00 for the support of said school."

This recommendation was accepted and $700 were raised for the schools—$225 for the Centre School pro-

posed and $475 for the district schools. This arrangement, however, can have been continued for but one year; for the next year, 1828, a committee was chosen to select one-third of the children of the South, and one-third of the children of the North, School District, to form a Centre District. It was voted, the same year, that the town should pay the several districts for their school-houses, and in future build and support all the school-houses in its corporate capacity.

A committee was chosen to appraise the several school-houses, and to build the Centre school-house.

The town meetings had always been held in the First Parish Meeting-house, but in 1832 it was voted that they "be held in the Academy Hall, for the future, if it can be procured at a reasonable consideration."

The school committee recommended the establishment of an Annual High School, in 1837, and in 1839 the town voted to establish such a school, presumably for four months, as $200 was raised for it, but the vote was reconsidered and the money returned to the treasury.

In 1841, however, it was voted to establish a High School by a vote of 61 to 43. Two hundred dollars were voted for it, and it was not to be continued over four months.

Such is the humble origin of our High-School, which has been sustained by an annual vote of the town, with increasing liberality, and with an increasing appreciation of its importance and usefulness, to the present time.

It was at first kept in the Academy, which was hired for the purpose. In 1851 the Academy was bought by the town. In 1857 the Academy was sold and the present Town Hall and High school-house was built.

The High School was continued as a four months' winter school till 1851, when it was made a yearly school of

forty-three weeks, under the charge of one male teacher, at a salary of $500 per annum, and a female assistant for twelve weeks. The next year a female assistant was employed through the year, which arrangement has continued to the present time, except that some years an assistant was employed only in the winter, and that now, for about a year, a lady has been employed as principal of the school, and a young man as assistant.

In 1853 a bequest was received by the town from the estate of Mrs. Abigail Ripley, of $1,000.00, the "income of which must be expended in assisting to defray the expenses of the High School."

This school, as it was formerly organized, was sometimes very large, so that it was necessary to employ a second assistant teacher during the winter term. This, however, has not been necessary for the past two years.

In 1841, when the High School was first instituted, it was the custom, which had been followed for many years, to employ male teachers in each of the five districts in the winter, and female teachers in the summer. In the Centre and South Districts female teachers were also employed during the winter to teach the younger children.

In 1851 a primary school for the winter was established in the Beechwoods, and the primary schools in the Centre and South Schools were made yearly schools, and a yearly primary school was established in the North District before 1857. In 1873 the Harbor Primary School was established. In the same year the Perkins School was established and continued for six months in the year for three years, when it was given up.

In 1874 a new yearly school was established in King Street.

In 1848 the experiment was successfully tried of continuing the North District School through the year, under the charge of a female teacher.

In 1850 all the district schools were placed under the charge of female teachers, and they have been continued under the care of such teachers, except that in the Beechwoods school a man was employed to teach the school in 1863, during the winter term, and since 1870 the school has been under the charge of a man through the year.

The history of the school-houses in the town may not be without interest.

There was no school-house in the town till the year 1734, when the first school-house was built. Before this date the school committee were instructed "to provide a school-house for the present." This was probably some private dwelling-house. The house built was intended for the use of the centre of the town, and was located on the Plain. Attempts were made to build other school-houses, but without success, till in 1790 a vote was passed to build a new school-house and move the old one. The school-house was probably moved that year, or in 1792, when the south school-house was built, to the position where it stood in the North District, at the junction of Jerusalem Road with North Main street, about where a flag-staff formerly stood, and where the guide-post now stands. It was burnt down in 1819. Before it was burned there was a bell on it which was taken from the Danish ship, "Gertrude Maria," wrecked on Brush Island, Feb. 12, 1793.

The bell was taken from the school-house before it was consumed by the fire. A new school-house was built and located at the head of Joy Street in 1820. This second school-house was afterwards moved to what is the southerly corner of the Cemetery, and in 1857 was sold, and the present north school-house was built.

The first South school-house was built in 1792, and was situated on the old road near its intersection with South

Main Street. A second South school-house was built. In 1825, an addition was made to this for the use of the Primary School. In 1859, the present South School-house was built.

In 1794, it was voted to draw fifteen pounds out of the treasury, to build a new school-house in the Beechwoods. The school-house was doubtless then built. In 1839, it was sold for $50.00 and a new school-house was built. This was enlarged in 1852, for the accommodation of a Primary School. In 1860, the present Beechwoods school-house was erected.

In 1795, the town "voted to allow the Jerusalem people seven pounds and ten shillings towards building a school-house, provided, that they build one one year from this date." This school-house was sold in 1829 for six bollars, and is now used by Mr. Moses Lincoln for a wood-house, and a new one was built. This was sold in 1851, and the present school-house was built the same year.

The present Centre School was built in 1828. In 1854 an addition was made to it for the accommodation of the Primary School. In 1870, the school-house was lengthened ten feet and important improvements were made in its structure and arrangements, making it a very convenient building for school purposes.

A small school-house was erected for the King Street children at the junction of Winter Street and King Street, and a summer school was kept in it for some years, but it was unoccupied for a long time, and finally removed in 1843.

The Harbor school-house was made from a store, purchased for that purpose in 1873.

The present King Street school-house was converted from a dwelling-house, and fitted up for school purposes in 1874.

The High School was at first kept in the Academy, a building which had been erected in 1797, by certain proprietors, to afford accommodations for a private school. It was hired at first, but in 1850 was purchased by the town. In 1857 the Academy was sold, and converted into the dwelling-house of A. H. Tower, Jr., and the present Town Hall and High school-house was erected.

This account of the schools in Cohasset would not be complete without reference to the many private schools which have been kept in the town. It is probable that in the early years of the settlement of the town, before any public schools were established, private schools taught by women,— dames' schools, as they were then called, —were kept. From the fact that in some years there is no reference in the Records to the schools, and that when a reference is made the vote often was to "improve" the school money received from the town of Hingham, the inference must be that there were some years when there was no public school. In these years there were, without doubt, private schools, and there were also probably every year private schools kept to supply the deficiencies caused by a too meagre supply of school money, or to furnish better instruction than was given in the public schools. There are those who can remember going to school to Mr. William Whittington, and to Rev. Mr. Flint. Then the Academy was built for a private school, and for many years schools were taught in it by men, some of whom gained celebrity in after life. After 1841, when a public school was taught in it for four months in the year, to 1851, when it began to be occupied through the year for a yearly school, a private school was kept in it through the remaining months of the year by Mr. Jacob Tuck.

While it is hoped that this brief history of our schools

may be of interest in calling up memories of the past, and in preserving from oblivion facts and dates which ought not to be forgotten, it may be of use to those who come after us in reminding them of the day of small things, and in showing from what humble beginnings our present school system has sprung.

As an evidence of the increased ability and liberality of the town, a few statements may be of interest. In 1801, the town raised $300 for schooling; in 1811, $450; in 1821, $350 for schools; minister's salary, $446.76; in 1831, $600 for schooling; in 1841, $900 — town valuation, $306,717; in 1851, $1,800 — valuation, $746,872; in 1861, $2,100 — valuation, $1,018,224; in 1871, $4,000 — valuation, $1,174,953; in 1875, $5,900 — valuation, $2,411,466. The school appropriation for the year now closing was $5,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
*Superintendent of Schools in Cohasset.*

REV. M. A. STEVENS,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LEVI N. BATES,
} *School Committee.*

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In SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 16, 1877.

The Superintendent submitted his Annual Report, which was unanimously approved and accepted.

It was voted that the Committee adopt the Report submitted by the Superintendent, and present it to the citizens of Cohasset as the Report of the School Committee for the year 1877.

M. A. STEVENS, *Secretary.*

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# Town of Cohasset,

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1878,

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES BIRTHS AND DEATHS;

ALSO THE

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

AND

Report of the Votes Cast at the State Election in November, 1877.

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# Abridged Report of the Annual Town Meeting,

Held March 5th, 1877.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers chosen as follows:

TOWN CLERK.

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, JR.

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, JAMES S. BEAL,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, THOMAS W. SMITH,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

REV. M. A. STEVENS.

CONSTABLES.

ISAIAH LINCOLN, J. FOSTER DOANE,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN, D. O. WADE,
DAVID B. LINCOLN.

FIRE WARDS.

PHILIP FOX, J. FOSTER DOANE,
ISAAC W. BEAL, ALSON S. RICHARDSON,
SAMUEL E. PRATT, FRANKLIN STODDARD.

FENCE VIEWERS.

THOMAS M. SMITH, J. FOSTER DOANE,
D. O. WADE.

FIELD DRIVERS.

JOHN SOUTHER, ALBERT W. BEAL,
EDWARD E. ELLMS, D. O. WADE,
FRANK F. MARTIN.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

THOMAS A. BATES, D. O. WADE.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

THOMAS J. BROWNE.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

WALTER S. BEAL, CHARLES H. WILLARD,
HOWARD PRATT.

POUND KEEPER.

WILLIAM O. SOUTHER.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise sixteen thousand four hundred dollars, to be appropriated as follows:

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| For Payment of Debt, | $1000 00 |
| " " Interest, | 1000 00 |
| " Discount on Taxes, | 1000 00 |
| " Support of the Poor, | 2500 00 |
| " " " Schools, | 5000 00 |
| " Removing Snow, | 400 00 |
| " Roads and Bridges, | 500 00 |
| " Repairs on School-houses, | 400 00 |
| " " " Highways, | 2500 00 |
| " Town Officers, | 1000 00 |
| " Printing and Fire Department, | 400 00 |
| " Miscellaneous, | 700 00 |
| Total, | $16,400 00 |

ARTICLE 5. Voted that the Taxes be collected, and the same discount allowed as last year.

ARTICLE 6. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and families of the slain.

ARTICLE 7. Voted that the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards be accepted.

ARTICLE 8. The list of Jurors, as posted by the Selectmen, (printed in the last Town Report) was accepted, after being amended by removing from the list, at their request, the names of Wm. H. H. Hancock and Samuel D. Tower.

ARTICLE 9. Voted that the Selectmen cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next, as usual.

ARTICLE 10. Voted that the sum of three hundred dollars (300.00) be raised and appropriated for the completion of the widening of Elm Street.

ARTICLE 11. Voted that the sum of two hundred dollars (200.00) be raised and appropriated to build a Sidewalk on King Street.

ARTICLE 12. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to cause some of the old Records to be copied, and the originals placed in some safe place.

ARTICLE 13. Passed over.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (1500.00) to partially defray the expense of construction of the New Road from King Street to Jerusalem Road.

Voted, that the Committee having in charge the construction of said New Road be instructed to employ the teams belonging to the Town when they are not otherwise employed, at a price per day to be fixed by the Overseers of the Poor.

A motion that the balance of the labor, necessary to complete the same, be done by contract, was tried and lost.

ARTICLE 15. The Selectmen report the law-suits of Beal and Groce against the Town for damages, still unadjusted. The report was accepted.

ARTICLE 16. Voted that a Committee of three be chosen, to prepare plans and estimates for making alterations in the Town Hall, so that the egress will be safer.

Chose for the above Committee, Edward E. Tower, Wm. A. W. Tilden and Zaccheus Rich, and they are to report at a future meeting.

ARTICLE 17. Voted that the matter of the care of Tramps be left with the Overseers of the Poor, to act, according to their best judgment, for the interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 18. Voted that the School Committee be authorized and instructed to Petition the Commissioners of Norfolk County, to establish a School in said County for truants.

ARTICLE 19. Voted that the sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) be raised and appropriated to preserve the Alewife fisheries.

Voted that the thanks of the meeting be extended to J. Q. A. Lothrop, for the very efficient manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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At a legal meeting held on the sixth day of November, 1877, for the choice of State, County and District Officers, Votes were cast as follows:—

FOR GOVERNOR.

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| Alexander H. Rice, of Boston, | 93 |
| William Gaston, of Boston, | 45 |
| Robert C. Pitman, of Newton, | 18 |

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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|---|---|
| Horatio G. Knight, of Easthampton, | 93 |
| William R. Plunkett, of Pittsfield, | 44 |
| Elijah A. Morse, of Canton, | 18 |

FOR SECRETARY.

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|---|---|
| Henry B. Pierce, of Abington, | 94 |
| Weston Howland, of Fairhaven, | 44 |
| David B. Gurney, of South Abington, | 18 |

For Treasurer, and Receiver General.

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|---|---|
| Charles Endicott, of Canton, | 94 |
| David N. Skillings, of Winchester, | 62 |

For Auditor.

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| Julius L. Clarke, of Newton, | 94 |
| John E. Fitzgerald, of Boston, | 44 |
| Jonathan H. Orne, of Marblehead, | 18 |

For Attorney General.

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| Charles R. Train, of Boston, | 94 |
| Charles P. Thompson, of Gloucester, | 44 |
| Orin T. Gray, of Hyde Park, | 18 |

For Councillor, District No. 1.

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|---|---|
| Joseph K. Baker, of Dennis, | 94 |
| S. B. Phinney, of Barnstable, | 44 |
| Charles Almy, of New Bedford, | 18 |

For District Attorney, Southeastern District.

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|---|---|
| Asa French, of Braintree, | 112 |
| James E. Cotter, of Hyde Park, | 44 |

For Sheriff.

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| Rufus C. Wood, of Canton, | 112 |
| Augustus B. Endicott, of Dedham, | 44 |

For Special Commissioners.

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|---|---|
| John Q. A. Field, of Braintree, | 94 |
| George P. Morey, of Walpole, | 94 |
| Z. L. Bicknell, of Weymouth, | 44 |
| Isaac N. Follansbee, of Medway, | 44 |
| Timothy Ide, of Medway, | 18 |
| Kilburn R. Clifford, of Stoughton, | 18 |

For County Commissioner.

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|---|---|
| James Humphrey, of Weymouth, | 94 |
| James M. Freeman, of Franklin, | 44 |
| Ezra S. Conant, of Randolph, | 18 |

For Commissioners of Insolvency.

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| George W. Wiggin, of Franklin, | 112 |
| Emery Grover, of Needham, | 94 |

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| James E. Tirrell, of Quincy, | 94 |
| John F. Kilton, of Randolph, | 44 |
| Gleason Hill, of Dedham, | 44 |
| W. G. A. Pattee, of Quincy, | 44 |
| William F. Locke, of Braintree, | 18 |
| Charles H. Deans, of West Medway, | 18 |

For Senator, Second Plymouth District.

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| Jonathan White, of Brockton, | 94 |
| Everett Lane, of Rockland, | 44 |
| George A. Litchfield, of South Abington, | 18 |

For Representative, Second Plymouth Representative District.

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| Amos W. Merritt, of Scituate, | 95 |
| Edwin Young, of Scituate, | 41 |
| William Stoddard, of Scituate, | 18 |

For Amendment to the Constitution.

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| Yes, | 96 |
| No, | 39 |

The whole vote of the Second Plymouth District for Representative, November 6th, 1877, was as follows: —

| | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amos W. Merritt, of Scituate, | 135 | 101 | 95 | 331 |
| Edwin Young, of Scituate, | 101 | 72 | 41 | 214 |
| William Stoddard, of Scituate, | 22 | 33 | 18 | 73 |
| Charles T. Chubbuck, of Scituate, | 7 | | | 7 |
| Peleg Ford, of Scituate, | 1 | 8 | | 9 |
| H. F. Vinal, of Scituate, | 2 | | | 2 |

Amos W. Merritt, of Scituate, having a plurality of votes returned, was elected, and his certificate made out in accordance thereto.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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Dogs licensed in Cohasset in 1877.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Whole number, | | 111 |
| Male, | 103 | |
| Female, | 8 | |

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## *Expenditures on School-Houses.*

### South School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Margaret Cronican, cleaning, | $ 7 80 | |
| Samuel Bates, hardware and repairs, | 12 46 | |
| M. B. Stetson, cleaning vaults, | 1 63 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, paints and labor, | 8 10 | |
| J. L. Hammet, ink wells, | 1 57 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, cleaning clocks, | 75 | |
| R. B. Pratt, repairs, | 4 00 | |
| Phillip Fox, repairs, | 3 69 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs, | 1 20 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, | 7 90 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 6 76 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., | 9 85 | |
| | | $65 71 |

### King Street School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Williston, cleaning, | $ 3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, pump and pipe, | 12 65 | |
| Thomas A. Bates, repairs, | 8 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, teaming, | 1 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., | 7 70 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 4 73 | |
| | | $37 08 |

### Jerusalem School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Jane Beal, cleaning, | $ 4 50 | |
| J. L. Hammet, ink-wells, | 4 75 | |
| Phillip Fox, repairs, | 6 50 | |
| D. O. Wade, repairs and crayons, | 12 93 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, | 1 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 6 44 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., | 3 35 | |
| | | $40 22 |

### High School Rooms.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning, | $13 08 | |
| Edmund Bates, tuning piano, | 4 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, | 13 55 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, | 1 25 | |
| J. L. Hammet, ink-wells, etc., | 4 56 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock, | 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., pail, | 30 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., | 26 30 | |
| | | $63 79 |

### North School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning, | $ 9 89 | |
| Samuel Bates, hardware, | 18 47 | |
| J. L. Hammet, ink-wells, | 1 56 | |
| Phillip Fox, repairs, | 7 63 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, | 13 81 | |
| C. A. Cross, glass, etc., | 2 25 | |
| T. M. Smith, teaming, | 1 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., | 7 80 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, | 4 23 | |
| | | $66 64 |

### Centre School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Margaret Mulcahay, cleaning, | $ 8 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, hardware, etc., | 7 47 | |
| Lewis Wilcutt, repairs, | 4 50 | |
| E. N. Barker, painting, | 3 00 | |
| J. L. Hammet, ink-wells, | 1 56 | |
| C. A. Gross, glass, etc., | 1 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., | 7 45 | |
| | | $33 23 |

### Harbor School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. L. Hammet, blackboards, | $16 30 | |
| Mrs. Gardner, cleaning, | 5 61 | |
| Z. Rich, repairs, | 5 13 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, painting, | 1 15 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, | 1 50 | |
| Phillip Fox, repairs, | 3 68 | |
| A. Whittington, repairs, | 90 | |
| A. W. Hayden, repairs, | 7 50 | |
| C. F. Tilden, repairs, | 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward* | | $42 27 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $42 27 |
| Paid W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, . . . | 7 91 | |
| A. T. Prouty, pail, brooms, etc., . . | 88 | |
| Samuel Bates, hardware, . . . | 8 54 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, . . | 6 87 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . . | 2 20 | |
| | | $26 40 |
| | | $68 67 |

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL-HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. H. Wood, use of well, . . . . | $ 1 00 | |
| Sarah J. Bates, cleaning, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| John J. A. Pratt, repairs, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| Ezra Brown, pails, etc., . . . . | 1 33 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . . | 3 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . | 8 45 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, . . | 3 90 | |
| | | $33 93 |
| Amount expended on School-houses, . . | | $409 27 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 400 00 |

## *Fire Department.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Studley, steward, . . . . | $30 00 | |
| " " labor on wood, . . | 1 00 | |
| James L. Bates, watching fires, . . | 3 00 | |
| O. C. Beal, " . . . . | 3 00 | |
| A. H. Prouty, " . . . . | 3 00 | |
| A. H. Thayer, " . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Daniel McGrath, " . . . . | 2 00 | |
| A. W. Beal, " . . . . | 2 00 | |
| S. Kneeland, Jr., " . . . . | 4 00 | |
| James McCuin, . . . . . | 6 00 | |
| 42 Firemen's poll tax, . . . . . | 84 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, oil, can, etc., . . . . | 4 14 | |
| C. A. Gross, refreshments, . . . . | 9 12 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, refreshments, . . | 68 | |
| Samuel Kneeland, Jr., " . . . . | 9 15 | |
| E. E. Ellms, " . . | 12 08 | |
| C. F. Tilden, pole for hose carriage, . . | 2 00 | |
| F. J. Damon, repairs, . . . . . | 2 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, horses used on engine, . . | 9 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . . | 3 35 | |
| | | $192 52 |

### *Printing.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. M. Whtttemore & Co., for School Committee, | $2 50 | |
| W. F. Brown & Co., Town and School Reports, | 207 52 | |
| N. B. Tower, voting lists, etc., | 70 58 | |
| | | $280 60 |
| Amount paid for Fire Department and Printing, | | $473 12 |
| " appropriated, | | 400 00 |

### *Removing Snow.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Otis V. Barnes, 1875, | $ 1 00 | |
| Joseph F. Ennice, | 2 50 | |
| L. Lincoln Worrick, | 75 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, | 6 60 | |
| Frank F. Martin, and others, | 22 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, " | 62 75 | |
| T. M. Smith, " | 64 13 | |
| Abraham Lincoln, " | 134 23 | |
| Thomas Bates, " | 29 61 | |
| Edwin B. Studley, " | 19 50 | |
| Daniel L. Wood, " | 8 25 | |
| John Roach, " | 7 87 | |
| Almshouse team, | 5 00 | |
| | | $364 19 |
| Deduct for Almshouse team, | | $5 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, | | $359 19 |
| Amount appropriated, | | 400 00 |

### *Repairs on Elm Street.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Otis V. Barnes, labor, | $18 00 | |
| Michael O'Connell, labor, | 18 00 | |
| Thomas Mulcahay, " | 16 50 | |
| Rufus Bates, Jr., " | 17 25 | |
| John Howard, " | 27 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, " | 3 00 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, " | 25 87 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, " | 18 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* | | $143 62 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $143 62 |
| Paid William St. John, gravel, . . . . | 28 00 | |
| David Cushing, posts and rails, . . | 17 90 | |
| Thomas Loney, teaming, . . . . | 7 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, teaming, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, setting grate, . . . . | 1 12 | |
| C. F. Tilden, smithing, . . . . | 7 65 | |
| C. A. Gross, rendrock, . . . . | 1 25 | |
| A. H. Tower, gravel and scow, . . | 16 00 | |
| Almshouse man and teams, . . . . | 73 00 | |
| | | $159 92 |
| | | $303 54 |
| Deduct for Almshouse man and teams, . . | | 73 00 |
| Amount drawn from the Treasury, . . | | $230 54 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 300 00 |

## *Repairs on Highways.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SURVEYOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Abraham Lincoln, labor and team, . . | $144 69 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, " . . | 38 25 | |
| Henry Lincoln, " . . . . | 16 37 | |
| Ezra Brown, " . . | 14 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . . . . | 9 00 | |
| C. H. Wood, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, " . . . . | 15 75 | |
| Lot Bates, " . . | 9 00 | |
| Timothy W. Brown, " . . . . | 10 50 | |
| Francisco Frates, " . . | 3 50 | |
| James Apts, " . . . . | 7 00 | |
| Warren Bates, " and gravel, | 13 25 | |
| Thomas Whitcomb, " " | 3 50 | |
| Ezekiel Bates, " " | 30 87 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, " " | 18 89 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " " | 10 80 | |
| Timothy Burbank, " " | 3 00 | |
| Edward Kinsley, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Horace K. Marden, " . . . . | 7 50 | |
| George C. Lincoln, " . . | 13 87 | |
| Levi L. Minot, " . . . . | 2 25 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | | $385 99 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* | | | $385 99 |
| Paid George F. Munnies, | labor, | 10 50 | |
| A. Haskell, | " | 7 50 | |
| T. F. Kinsley, | " | 20 62 | |
| John E. Kinsley, | " | 9 00 | |
| Thomas Lincoln, | " | 11 25 | |
| Horace Damon, | " | 3 00 | |
| Frank Antone, | " | 1 50 | |
| Robert L. Curtis, | " | 1 12 | |
| Anthony Anderson, | " | 1 50 | |
| Charles Joseph, | " | 9 37 | |
| John H. Morgan, | " | 25 50 | |
| John Pratt, | " | 5 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, | " | 5 75 | |
| C. A. Gross, powder and fuse, | | 2 40 | |
| | | | $114 01 |
| | | | $500 00 |

THOMAS M. SMITH, SURVEYOR.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Paid T. M. Smith, labor and team, | | $279 65 | |
| Lincoln Morey, labor, | | 11 50 | |
| Thomas Loney, labor and team, | | 36 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, | labor, | 5 00 | |
| John N. Cook, | " | 1 50 | |
| Patrick Downes, | " | 1 50 | |
| Patrick Mulcahay, | " | 3 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, | " | 1 50 | |
| Charles Wilson, | " | 17 00 | |
| Charles Henry, | " | 3 00 | |
| John Barnes, | " | 26 50 | |
| Azel W. Drake, | " | 18 75 | |
| Stephen P. Barnes, | " | 10 50 | |
| James Sweeney, | " | 6 00 | |
| Michael Sweeney, | " | 9 00 | |
| Frank Pratt, | " | 9 00 | |
| Henry Ainslee, | " | 1 50 | |
| Frank Prouty, | " | 6 00 | |
| Charles Nott, | " | 18 00 | |
| John Donovan, | " | 5 00 | |
| Galen James, | " | 3 75 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, | " | 22 50 | |
| C. A. Gross, powder and fuse, | | 3 85 | |
| C. F. Tilden, smithing, | | 4 55 | |
| | | | $504 55 |

### James S. Beal, Surveyor.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid James S. Beal, labor, | $118 46 | |
| Stowers Beal, " | 35 00 | |
| Alden Beal, " and team, | 45 00 | |
| David B. Lincoln, " " | 10 50 | |
| James McCuin, " " | 31 50 | |
| David Beal, " " | 31 75 | |
| D. O. Wade, " " | 38 50 | |
| David P. Beal, " | 31 89 | |
| Andrew Taylor, " | 25 50 | |
| Jerry Hickey, " | 61 00 | |
| George E. Davis, " " | 14 50 | |
| Leander Groce, labor and gravel, | 15 90 | |
| James Litchfield, " | 2 50 | |
| T. H. Barrett, smithing, | 5 00 | |
| A. Lothrop, gravel, | 38 00 | |
| | | $505 00 |

### Louis N. Lincoln, Surveyor.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Louis N. Lincoln, labor, | $ 38 00 | |
| Michael O'Connell, " | 100 38 | |
| Thomas Mulcahay, " | 98 13 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, " | 112 75 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " | 4 50 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " | 3 00 | |
| William St. John, gravel, | 76 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, labor and team, | 20 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, gravel and scow, | 24 50 | |
| T. M. Smith, teaming, | 22 50 | |
| | | $500 01 |

### J. Q. A. Lothrop, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, labor, | $25 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, Jr., " | 8 25 | |
| George W. Cousens, " | 61 50 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " | 15 75 | |
| Charles B. Pratt, " | 6 00 | |
| Joseph F. Ennice, " | 27 75 | |
| William Hayden, " | 10 50 | |
| Otis V. Barnes, " | 12 00 | |
| Lot Willcutt, " | 18 75 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " and team, | 34 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* | | $220 00 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $220 00 |
| Paid M. B. Stetson, labor and team, . . | $12 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, " " . . | 18 38 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " " . . | 28 50 | |
| T. M. Smith, " " . . | 26 25 | |
| Thomas Loney, " " . . | 28 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . . | 5 04 | |
| William St. John, gravel, . . . | 93 75 | |
| C. James Pratt, " . . . . . | 10 88 | |
| Thomas Smith, " . . . | 15 38 | |
| A. H. Tower, " and scow, . . | 34 50 | |
| A. W. Hayden, setting grates, . . | 75 | |
| Almshouse man and teams, . . . | 47 50 | |
| | | $320 93 |
| | | $540 93 |
| Deduct for Almshouse man and teams, . | | 47 50 |
| | | $493 43 |
| Amount of appropriation for highways, . | | $2,500 00 |
| " expended, . . . . . | | 2,550 49 |
| Deduct for Almshouse man and teams, . | | 47 50 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . | | $2,502 99 |

## *Building Forest Avenue.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Wells & Bates . . . . | $5,656 66 | |
| Washington Brown . . . | 5,366 80 | |
| | | $11,023 46 |
| " as per last year's Report, . . . | $5,240 34 | |
| Almshouse man and teams, . . . | 316 75 | |
| | | 5,557 09 |
| Total amount paid by the Town, . . | | $16,580 55 |
| Amount received from County Treasurer, | $3,000 00 | |
| " tools, drills, hammers, etc., at Almshouse, . . . . | 75 00 | |
| | | 3,075 00 |
| " expended by Town, . . . | | $13,505 55 |
| " appropriated, . . . | | 1,500 00 |
| " paid without any appropriation, | | $12,005 55 |

## *Report of Committee on Forest Avenue.*

WELLS & BATES, DR.

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| To amount drawn from Treasury, . . | | $8,896 99 |

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| By amount paid Richard Wells and teams, | | $1,162 13 | |
| " | Thomas Bates, " | 1,035 60 | |
| " | Charles E. Tyrer, labor, | 208 42 | |
| " | Stephen P. Barnes, " . | 31 50 | |
| " | Jesse T. Barnes, " . | 230 29 | |
| " | Benj. F. Morse, " . | 206 30 | |
| " | Harrison Henry, " . | 125 60 | |
| " | A. H. Prouty, " . | 21 75 | |
| " | Edward Shay, " . | 82 75 | |
| " | W. H. Bates, " . | 121 74 | |
| " | Otis V. Barnes, " . | 152 81 | |
| " | E. M. Couilard, " . | 208 16 | |
| " | Eugene Sweeney, " . | 88 49 | |
| " | J. R. Colbrith, " . | 163 05 | |
| " | Thomas Reidy, " . | 172 93 | |
| " | S. T. Sherman, " . | 214 23 | |
| " | Patrick Bergan, " . | 40 24 | |
| " | Timothy W. Brown, " . | 6 40 | |
| " | James Dalton, " . | 170 80 | |
| " | Thomas Williams, " . | 207 74 | |
| " | A. L. Palmer, " . | 198 05 | |
| " | C. V. Barnes, " . | 159 43 | |
| " | Thomas L. Bates, " . | 124 16 | |
| " | L. L. Worrick, 3d, " . | 184 73 | |
| " | Charles Collins, " . | 6 37 | |
| " | Patrick Cronican, " | 209 42 | |
| " | Frank Pearson, " . | 153 30 | |
| " | L. L. Worrick, Jr., " . | 167 87 | |
| " | Samuel Nichols, " . | 135 00 | |
| " | E. H. Arnold, " . | 141 18 | |
| " | W. W. Studley, " . | 62 73 | |
| " | Eben James, " . | 33 37 | |
| " | John N. Cook, " . | 113 37 | |
| " | Thomas Gracie, " . | 101 91 | |
| " | Manuel Brazil, " . | 93 80 | |
| " | D. B. Lincoln, " . | 129 55 | |
| " | Joseph Paul, " . | 79 05 | |
| " | Frank Fisher, " . | 80 43 | |
| " | Michael McSweeney, " . | 106 43 | |
| " | C. F. Wells, and team, . | 341 37 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | | ——— | $7,272 45 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $7,272 45 |
| By amount paid J. D. Hutchinson, labor, . | 115 93 | |
| " Manuel Silvia, " . | 36 56 | |
| " Thomas Loney, " . | 11 56 | |
| " Israel C. Vinal, " . | 265 49 | |
| " Thomas Hall, " . | 85 00 | |
| " Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . | 295 14 | |
| " C. A. Gross, rendrock, etc., . | 704 59 | |
| " M. B. Stetson & Co., tools, . | 37 91 | |
| " C. L. Rich, smithing, . . | 31 20 | |
| " Philip Fox, labor, . . | 9 75 | |
| " A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, | 22 67 | |
| " C. H. Gross, drain pipe, . . | 8 75 | |
| | | $1,624 55 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . | | $8,897 00 |
| Almshouse man and team, . . . . | | 161 75 |
| | | $9,058 75 |

WASHINGTON BROWN, DR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To amount drawn from Treasury, . . . | | $7,366 80 |

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| By amount paid Washington Brown, and team, | $719 38 | |
| " J. Herring, labor, . . | 75 | |
| " John Hann, " . | 3 00 | |
| " Frank Beal, " . . | 80 50 | |
| " O. Swinson, " . | 148 38 | |
| " John Neilson, " . . | 188 87 | |
| " Thomas Basset, " and team, | 395 00 | |
| " David Lyons, " . . | 203 68 | |
| " Eugene Daley, " . | 303 24 | |
| " William Gibbons, " . . | 292 99 | |
| " Philip Gillis, " . | 194 68 | |
| " Joshua Cook, " . . | 57 38 | |
| " Maurice Wallis, " . | 21 00 | |
| " Garret Landers, " . . | 13 50 | |
| " William Wallis, " . | 12 00 | |
| " H. L. Bates, " . . | 30 00 | |
| " E. G. Bates, " . | 42 00 | |
| " C. L. Kittrell, " . . | 178 75 | |
| " Stewart Reid, " . | 21 00 | |
| " Mike Kehoe, " . . | 40 50 | |
| " J. E. Snell, " . | 479 57 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | | $3,426 17 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | | $3,426 17 |
| By amount paid W. M. Carter, labor, . . | 170 | 43 | |
| " J. S. Beal, " . | 18 | 75 | |
| " A. W. Beal, " . . | 4 | 50 | |
| " Ed. Gibbons, " . | 102 | 24 | |
| " John Kern, " . . | 30 | 00 | |
| " Mike Joyce, " . | 30 | 00 | |
| " E. K. Howe, " . . | 35 | 25 | |
| " William Copelin, " . | 50 | 25 | |
| " F. McDermott, " . . | 154 | 00 | |
| " Stephen Lincoln, " . | 21 | 00 | |
| " John Lewis, " . . | 33 | 75 | |
| " John Roach, " . | 18 | 00 | |
| " John Francis, " . . | 235 | 12 | |
| " James Croakes, and team, . | 102 | 00 | |
| " Foster Bates, labor, . . | 69 | 88 | |
| " Hosea Cushing, " . | 30 | 25 | |
| " Charles Whittier, " . . | 9 | 00 | |
| " M. McDermott, and team, . | 346 | 75 | |
| " Matthew Haley, labor, . . | 40 | 62 | |
| " James Sweeney, " . | 47 | 75 | |
| " J. M. Salvador, " . . | 40 | 50 | |
| " Joseph Silvia, " . | 19 | 00 | |
| " J. Hickey, " . . | 7 | 50 | |
| " M. Murphy, " . | 13 | 00 | |
| " John Dolan, " . . | 81 | 62 | |
| " Robt. Patterson, " . | 172 | 87 | |
| " J. McCarty, " . . | 15 | 62 | |
| " James Pettee, " . | 156 | 25 | |
| " Charles Coulou, " . . | 4 | 50 | |
| " F. M. Gough, " . | 120 | 00 | |
| " G. N. Thomas, " . . | 45 | 00 | |
| " Horace J. Damon, " . | 135 | 62 | |
| " Otis V. Barnes, " . . | 84 | 75 | |
| " J. Taylor, " . | 20 | 87 | |
| " Geo. Houghton, " . . | 15 | 00 | |
| " N. M. Hobart, rendrock, . | 14 | 05 | |
| " Geo. N. Sampson, " . . | 380 | 89 | |
| " Ditman Powder Co., " . | 85 | 00 | |
| " G. A. Gross, " . . | 353 | 60 | |
| " C. F. Tilden, smithing, . | 144 | 81 | |
| " T. H. Barrett, " . . | 97 | 16 | |
| " I. N. Damon, " . . | 58 | 28 | |
| " C. L. Rich, " . . | 12 | 50 | |
| | | | $3,627 93 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | | | $7,054 10 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $7,054 10 |
| By amount paid E. B. Scott, blacksmith's forge, | 10 00 | |
| " Dodge, Gilbert & Co., steel, . | 2 30 | |
| " David Lincoln, teaming, . | 5 00 | |
| " F. O. Wallis, " . . | 2 25 | |
| " John Beal, " . | 24 69 | |
| " Calvin Gardner, tools, etc., . | 62 83 | |
| " N. M. Hobart, excavators, . | 50 00 | |
| " Stationery, . . . | 3 20 | |
| " Box of exploders, . . | 2 00 | |
| " Kennerson's Ex., . . . | 6 00 | |
| " T. B. Hadley, services with battery, | 35 80 | |
| " M. Bates, sand, . . . | 50 | |
| " Horace J. Damon, drags, . | 17 50 | |
| " David Cushing, lumber, . . | 26 10 | |
| " Owners of beach, for gravel, | 15 15 | |
| " Ivory Bean, damages, . . | 49 38 | |
| | | $312 70 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . | | $7,366 80 |
| Almshouse man and teams, . . . | | 155 00 |
| | | $7,521 80 |

## *State Aid.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . . | $96 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . , . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, . . . . . | 72 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Ashael F. Nott, . . . . . | 36 00 | |
| Philip D. Minot, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas T. Spear, . . . . . | 7 00 | |
| Charles A. Taylor, . . . . . | 30 00 | |
| | | $385 00 |

## *School Appropriation.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treasurer of School Committee, | $5,000 00 |

## *School Books.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, . . . . . | $88 51 |

### *State and County Tax.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State tax, . . . . . | $1,920 00 | |
| County " . . . . . | 1,971 13 | |
| | | $3,891 13 |

### *Abatement of Taxes.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1874, . . . . | $2 30 | |
| " " 1875, . . . | 2 00 | |
| " " 1876, . . . . | 3 85 | |
| " " 1877, . . . | 440 32 | |
| | | $448 47 |

### *Roads and Bridges.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Abraham Lincoln, repairing bridge, . | $ 25 00 | |
| C. F. Tilden, smithing, . . . | 2 20 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, repairs, . . . | 9 00 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, labor, North Main Street, | 23 63 | |
| John Kinsley, " " " | 10 13 | |
| R. T. Burbank, " " " | 1 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, " " " | 16 50 | |
| Otis V. Barnes, " " " | 1 50 | |
| John Howard, " " " | 5 00 | |
| Z. Rich, " Margin " | 1 44 | |
| " " Mill Bridge, . | 5 00 | |
| C. W. Peirce, gravel, J. Road, . . | 14 37 | |
| Otis V. Barns, labor, " . . . | 9 00 | |
| M. O'Connell, " " . . | 11 25 | |
| Thos. Mulcahay, " " . . . | 11 25 | |
| Sam'l N. Lincoln, " " . . | 2 25 | |
| J. B. Moors, watering streets, . . | 200 00 | |
| Lot Willcutt, stone, . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Silas Bates and others, repairs, Doane St. | 17 25 | |
| C. L. Kittrell, labor on pump, . . | 2 50 | |
| Oren R. Beal, repairs on bridge, . | 10 00 | |
| Lawrence McGough, " " . . | 3 00 | |
| Philip Fox, " " . . | 3 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, highways, 1875, . . | 1 50 | |
| Horace Hancock, " 1877, . | 1 75 | |
| Richard Wells, repairing bridge, . . | 5 25 | |
| L. L. Worrick, " " . . | 3 00 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, sidewalk, Beechwood St., . | 13 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., dr. pipe, lumber, &c. | 141 21 | |
| E. E. Ellms, opening drain, . . . | 2 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | | $562 98 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $562 98 |
| Paid T. M. Smith, teaming, . . . . | 11 35 | |
| Almshouse man and teams, . . . . | 33 00 | |
| | | $44 35 |
| | | $607 33 |
| Deduct for Almshouse man and team, . . | | 33 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . . | | $574 33 |
| " of appropriation, . . . . . | | 500 00 |

DAMAGES AND EXPENSES IN CASE OF C. G. BEALS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. W. S. Seymour, surveying and plans, . | $ 65 55 | |
| Caleb G. Beal, damages, . . . . | 190 00 | |
| " " costs, . . . . . | 136 73 | |
| Hilliard, Hyde & Dickinson, council, . | 145 00 | |
| F. O. Wallace, witness fees, . . . . | 15 30 | |
| N. Ripley, " . . | 14 00 | |
| D. O. Wade, " . . . . | 10 50 | |
| B. K. Atwood, " . . | 7 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, horse hire and telegrams, . | 6 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, | 72 79 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, " " | 48 00 | |
| | | $710 87 |

## *Town Officers.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, Supt. of Schools, . | $200 00 | |
| Levi N. Bates, Treas. School Committee, | 25 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | 190 00 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, services as Selectman and Assessor, . . . . . | 160 00 | |
| Philander Bates, services as Selectman and Assessor, . . . . . | 152 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., services as Treasurer and Collector, . . . . . | 200 00 | |
| N. B. Tower, services as Clerk, . . | 40 00 | |
| Allen C. Bates, services as Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| J. Foster Doane, services as Constable, | 25 00 | |
| " " " Truant Officer, | 5 00 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " " " | 5 00 | |
| " " " Constable, . | 15 00 | |
| D. O. Wade, " " | 15 00 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, " " | 15 00 | |
| " " " Truant Officer, | 15 00 | |
| David B. Lincoln, " Constable, . | 25 00 | |
| | | $1,137 00 |

## *Miscellaneous.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Hayden & Kilburn, distributing Reports, | $ 5 00 | |
| Luke Rideout, stone trough, . . . | 35 00 | |
| J. H. Burdaken, searching Records, . | 32 10 | |
| Daniel J. Fair, " " . . | 23 00 | |
| W. S. Danforth, " " . | 1 50 | |
| H. B. Peirce, register book, . . . | 80 | |
| David B. Lincoln, burying horse and dogs, | 14 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, postage and stationery, . | 25 33 | |
| " " paints, flagstaff, . . . | 7 25 | |
| Beals' Express, . . . . . | 12 40 | |
| C. F. Tilden, iron bolts for flagstaff, . . | 5 35 | |
| " " " rods for Town Hall, . | 2 10 | |
| " " removing gates, Straits' Pond, | 3 00 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor and posts, flagstaff, | 11 00 | |
| " " " Town Hall, . | 51 25 | |
| Z. Rich, " on pump, . | 1 50 | |
| " return of deaths, . . . | 9 50 | |
| William Eddy and others, labor, flagstaff, | 25 00 | |
| D. W. Pratt, guilding ball, flagstaff, . . | 80 | |
| Welcome Beal, care of gates, Straits' Pond, | 10 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, whitewashing lock-up, . | 3 50 | |
| Caleb Lothrop, copying Records, . . | 10 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, horse hire, County Commissioners, . . . . . | 15 50 | |
| T. M. Smith, horse hire, School Committee, | 41 50 | |
| " " " Selectmen, . | 23 75 | |
| " " " Assessors, . . | 8 00 | |
| " " teaming flagstaff, . . | 1 00 | |
| John Barnes, labor at Cemetery, . . | 5 75 | |
| I. C. Vinal and others, flagstaff, . . | 6 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., " . . | 1 40 | |
| " " lumber for pump and pound, | 1 77 | |
| " " " and hardware Town Hall, | 50 81 | |
| N. B. Tower, recording births, deaths, etc., | 34 75 | |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock and ringing bell, . . . . . | 30 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, blanks for School Committee, | 7 50 | |
| " " medicine M. E. Sylvia, . | 2 10 | |
| Michael O'Connell, labor on flagstaff, . | 2 62 | |
| " " " Town Hall, . | 3 75 | |
| Thomas Mulcahay, " flagstaff, . . | 2 62 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, " " . . | 2 63 | |
| " " " Town Hall, . | 3 75 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | | $534 58 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $434 58 |
| Paid Louis N. Lincoln, posting warrants, . | 4 00 | |
| " " town meetings, . . | 4 00 | |
| " " care of 258 tramps, . | 172 25 | |
| Weymouth & Braintree Insurance Company, Town Hall, . . . . . | 76 00 | |
| Merchant & Farmers' Insurance Company, Town Hall, . . . . . | 27 25 | |
| Abington Insurance Company, Town Hall, | 21 00 | |
| Dorchester Insurance Co., Town Hall, . | 46 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, rep's on stoves, etc., Town Hall, | 8 42 | |
| Arthur E. Beal, baize for doors, Town Hall, | 17 50 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, repairing desk, " | 4 50 | |
| E. N. Barker, painting, " | 5 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, hardware, " | 7 14 | |
| C. A. Gross, glass, etc., " | 1 50 | |
| David W. Whitcomb, perambulating Town lines, | 2 00 | |
| | | $396 56 |
| | | $931 14 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 700 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, . . | | $231 14 |
| Amount appropriated for interest and discount, | | $2,000 00 |
| " paid " " | | 2,398 01 |

## *Recapitulation.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Expenditures on school-houses, . . . . . | $409 27 |
| Fire department and printing, . . . . . | 473 12 |
| Removing snow, . . . . . | 359 19 |
| Repairs on Elm street, . . . . . | 230 54 |
| " Highways, . . . . . | 2,502 99 |
| Building Forest Avenue, . . . . . | 11,023 46 |
| State aid, . . . . . | 385 00 |
| School appropriation, . . . . . | 5,000 00 |
| School books, . . . . . | 88 51 |
| State and county tax, . . . . . | 3,891 13 |
| Abatement of taxes, . . . . . | 448 47 |
| Roads and bridges, . . . . . | 574 33 |
| Damages and expense in C. G. Beals' case, . . | 710 87 |
| Town officers, . . . . . | 1,137 00 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 931 14 |
| Interest and discount, . . . . . | 2,398 01 |
| Orders to Overseers of the Poor, . . . . . | 5,834 52 |
| | $36,397 55 |

## *Financial Condition of the Town, Feb. 1, 1878.*

FUNDED DEBT, (ISSUE OF APRIL 1, 1863,) AS FOLLOWS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Savings Bank, three notes, due 1878, '79, '80 . . . . . | | $3,000 00 |

ISSUE OF MAY 1, 1876.

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|---|---|---|
| Zenas D. Lincoln, 1 note due 1881, . . | $1,000 00 | |
| Charles Pratt, " " 1882, . | 1,000 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, " " 1883, . . | 1,000 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, 7 notes due, 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, . . | 7,000 00 | |
| | | $10,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES, VIZ.:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| David W. Whitcomb, | 1 note, . . | $200 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, | 1 " . | 250 00 | |
| Cohasset Mut. Fire Ins. Co., | 1 " . . | 500 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, | 1 " . | 600 00 | |
| Franklin Damon, | 1 " . . | 1,000 00 | |
| Martha T. Bates, | 1 " . | 1,600 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, | 1 " . . | 2,000 00 | |
| New England Trust Co., | 1 " . | 2,000 00 | |
| Hingham National Bank, | 2 " . . | 6,500 00 | |
| | | | $14,650 00 |
| Amount of interest-bearing debt, . . | | | $27,650 00 |

## *Assets of the Town.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due from State for State aid, . . . | $427 00 | |
| " " J. Eliosson, - . | 18 68 | |
| " Town of Hull, support of paupers, | 306 00 | |
| " " Scituate, for Betsey Brown and M. Silvia, . . | 187 75 | |
| " " So. Scituate, H. Stoddard, | 25 05 | |
| " " Randolph, for M. Hall, . | 8 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | | $972 48 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $972 48 |
| Due from Town of Braintree, A. A. Randall, | 9 50 | |
| " James Dady, support of wife, . | 412 51 | |
| " John J. Lothrop, support of son, | 296 79 | |
| " Mary J. Enos, . . . . . | 83 00 | |
| " Estate of John C. Koop, . . | 147 50 | |
| " Mary L. Mendoca, . . . . | 50 55 | |
| " Thomas Loney, . . . . | 4 50 | |
| " John McCormick, . . . . | 27 00 | |
| Balance in Treasury, . . . . . | 3,077 61 | |
| | | $4,108 96 |
| | | $5,081 44 |

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|---|---|---|
| Amount of actual debt, . . . . . | | $22,568 56 |
| Increase of interest-bearing debt, . . | $7,250 00 | |
| " actual debt, . . . . . | 6,857 88 | |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES,
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

## For the Year Ending February 1st, 1878.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1877, | $1,820 63 |
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, dry goods, | 11 39 |
| W. O. Souther, salary, | 291 67 |
| " " cash paid for cow, | 50 00 |
| " " sundry bills paid, | 27 79 |
| Nancy Nichols, labor, | 82 00 |
| Patrick Bergan, labor, | 185 00 |
| Ezra Brown, grain, groceries, etc., | 143 51 |
| M. B. Stetson, & Co., grain, groceries, etc., | 204 22 |
| C. A. Gross, " " | 246 22 |
| C. H. Willard, " | 130 04 |
| James H. Nichols, " | 53 89 |
| S. P. Stoddard, " | 62 29 |
| Howard Pratt, " | 10 82 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, lumber and flour, | 98 78 |
| Louis T. Cushing, pigs, | 20 00 |
| Thomas Lincoln, Jr., ploughing, | 17 00 |
| Edwin Bates, ploughing, | 12 00 |
| John Souther, cow and calf, | 50 00 |
| " " repairing shoes, | 7 54 |
| George Noyes, Mass. Ploughman, | 2 70 |
| R. T. Burbank, labor, | 7 00 |
| Samuel Bates, tin ware, etc., | 51 35 |
| Thomas Beal, repairing harness, | 1 50 |
| C. F. Tilden, repairing carts, etc., | 42 41 |
| Samuel D. Tower, paints and labor, | 29 73 |
| Beals' Express, | 14 25 |
| W. F. Thayer, meats, | 55 34 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meats, | 181 41 |
| Isaiah Lincoln, care of children, | 5 00 |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, | 17 55 |
| Souther & Hooper, chairs, | 9 00 |
| John Taylor, fish, | 37 07 |
| C. K. Keene, trees, | 7 95 |
| Galen James, vegetables, | 1 50 |
| F. J. Damon, smithing, | 32 21 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $ 4,020 76 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $4,020 76 |
| Paid Philip Fox, labor and stock, | 14 50 |
| A. W. Hayden, labor and stock, | 17 00 |
| Z. Rich, labor and stock, | 8 37 |
| T. M. Smith, team, | 7 50 |
| James St. John, tailoring, | 1 50 |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 15 00 |
| P. Bates, boots and shoes, | 20 00 |
| E. E. Ellms, school-books, etc., | 3 59 |
| Thomas Bates, use of stock, | 6 00 |
| J. B. Bates, wheelbarrow, | 8 00 |
| Forest Avenue, tools, etc., | 75 00 |
| Overseer's services, | 75 00 |
| | $4,272 22 |

## Stock at Almshouse, Feb. 1st, 1878.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Cow, | $50 00 | 6 Tons English Hay, | $150 00 |
| 2 Horses, | 250 00 | 1 " Salt " | 10 00 |
| 2 Yearlings, | 30 00 | Lot of manure, | 60 00 |
| 2 Pigs, | 12 00 | 3½ Cords hard wood, | 21 00 |
| 42 Hens, | 21 00 | 1½ " Trash, | 4 50 |
| 3 Turkeys, | 4 50 | ½ " pine wood, | 2 25 |
| 1 Express wagon, | 75 00 | ½ Ton Coal, | 3 25 |
| 1 Farm wagon, | 75 00 | Stoves and fixtures, | 65 00 |
| 1 Hay wagon, | 15 00 | Household furniture, | 300 00 |
| 2 Horse carts, | 110 00 | Wooden ware, etc., | 25 00 |
| 1 Wheelbarrow, | 6 00 | Cutlery, spoons, etc., | 12 00 |
| 1 Sled, | 10 00 | Crockery and glassware, | 25 00 |
| 1 Harrow, | 12 00 | Tin, earthen & stone ware, | 35 00 |
| 3 Ploughs, | 12 00 | 400 lbs. Salt pork, | 44 00 |
| 1 Wagon harness, | 20 00 | 160 " Hams & shoulders, | 16 00 |
| 2 Cart harnesses, | 30 00 | 84 " Lard, | 10 50 |
| 1 Lead harness, | 12 00 | 200 " Salt beef, | 20 00 |
| 2 Carriage robes, | 2 00 | 8 " Butter, | 2 80 |
| Chains, | 6 00 | Groceries, | 43 75 |
| Drills, hammers, etc., | 40 00 | 1 Barrel Flour, | 8 50 |
| Carpenters' tools, | 4 50 | 50 Gallons Vinegar, | 12 50 |
| Saws, axes and hatchets, | 6 00 | 30 Bushels Potatoes, | 21 00 |
| Grindstone, | 2 00 | 2 Tons Beets, turnips and carrots. | 20 00 |
| Farming tools. | 40 00 | Grain and bags, | 6 00 |
| Blacksmith's forge, | 5 00 | Half bushel white Beans, | 2 00 |
| Excavators, | 20 00 | | |
| Lumber, | 10 00 | | |
| Casks and barrels, | 10 00 | | $1,810 05 |

### Almshouse Account of Sales and Labor.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Town of Hull, board of paupers, | | $306 00 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, calf, | | 10 00 |
| Milk, eggs, &c., sold, | | 24 45 |
| Rent of D. Vinal's house, | | 18 75 |
| Labor, removing snow, | | 5 00 |
| " on highways, | | 472 25 |
| | | $836 45 |
| Amount of stock on hand, | $1,810 05 | |
| " sales and labor, | 836 45 | |
| | $2,646 50 | |
| Debit brought forward, | | $4,272 22 |
| Credit " " | | 2,646 50 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, | | $1,625 72 |
| Expense of inmates at the Almshouse, 459 weeks, at $3.54\frac{85}{459}$ per week, amounts to | | $1,625 72 |

## SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE,

### For the Year Ending February 1, 1878.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid State Lunatic Hospital for David Willcutt, | $201 95 |
| " " Josephine E. Bates, | 185 50 |
| " " John J. Lothrop, | 207 20 |
| " " Elizabeth J. Dady, | 168 95 |
| " " " " | 36 25 |
| " " William Kilburn, | 199 00 |
| " " William Taylor, | 229 80 |
| " " Mary L. Mendoca, | 32 90 |
| | $1,261 55 |

### Assistance to Sarah Everett and Children.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Edwin Bates, wood, | $3 50 | |
| Daniel J. Bates, groceries, | 17 50 | |
| | | $21 00 |

### Assistance to Betsey Brown.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Studley, | $94 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 50 00 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses | 23 75 | |
| | | $167 75 |

### Assistance to Myra Gardner.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Ephraim Battles, | $57 00 |

### Assistance to William Hayden and Wife.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries, | $4 00 |

### Assistance to Mary A. Howard.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Beal, board and funeral expenses, | $27 00 |

### Assistance to Isaac H. Tower and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries, | $36 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., wood, | 3 75 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses of child, | 11 75 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 30 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, | 10 90 | |
| | | $92 40 |

### Assistance to Mary J. Enos and Husband.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mary J. Enos, as per town orders, | $76 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, | 7 00 | |
| | | $83 00 |

### Assistance to Daniel F. Bates and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, groceries, | $43 22 | |
| Daniel J. Bates, groceries, | 40 57 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses, | 18 00 | |
| P. Bates, boots, | 1 60 | |
| | | $103 39 |

### Assistance to Manuel Silvia and Family.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, groceries, | $20 00 |

### Assistance to Susan Meeker.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, groceries, | $6 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, wood, | 6 25 | |
| | | $12 25 |

### Assistance to J. P. Wheelwright and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, groceries, | $114 01 | |
| Lot Bates, wood, | 32 13 | |
| Amelia Bates, care, | 2 00 | |
| Hilliard, Hyde & Dickenson, advice, | 5 00 | |
| Thomas Williams, labor, | 1 25 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 5 00 | |
| | | $159 39 |

### Assistance to Harrison Henry and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries, | $ 5 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, groceries, | 9 97 | |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, | 18 00 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses, | 19 00 | |
| P. Bates, shoes, | 3 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal and flour, | 53 25 | |
| | | $108 22 |

### Assistance to Deborah Kilburn and Child.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William V. Creed, rent, | $ 15 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, | 143 35 | |
| | | $158 35 |

### Assistance to Albert J. Ruby and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid City of Boston, | $9 64 | |
| A. J. Ruby, | 5 00 | |
| | | $14 64 |

### Assistance to John C. Koop and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal and flour, | $25 50 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 28 00 | |
| J. C. Koop, as per town orders, | 94 00 | |
| | | $147 50 |

### Assistance to John McCormick and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, | $17 20 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., groceries, | 9 80 | |
| | | $27 00 |

### Assistance to Joseph Munnies and Family.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, | $40 00 |

### Assistance to A. A. Randall and Family.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid C. A. Gross, groceries, | $5 25 |

### Assistance to Jennie Eliosson.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid S. T. Sherman, board and nursing, . . | $42 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . . | 30 00 | |
| | | $72 00 |
| Paid City of Boston, for Mary Kent, . . | $154 84 | |
| " " Elizabeth J. Nichols, | 36 00 | |
| " " John C. Orcutt, . | 3 64 | |
| " " Eunice Sterling, . | 61 38 | |
| " " Jane O'Conner, . | 7 38 | |
| | | $263 24 |

### Assistance to Mary L. Mendoca.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Dr. C. Vinal, medical attendance, . . | $ 5 00 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, transportation to Taunton, | 12 65 | |
| | | $17 65 |

### Assistance to W. H. Litchfield & Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid T. M. Smith, horse hire, . . . . . | $ 4 50 | |
| P. Bates, shoes, . . . . . | 2 10 | |
| Mrs. Geo. E. Ainslaie, nursing, 1873, . | 6 95 | |
| Town of Scituate, supplies, . . . | 103 92 | |
| | | $117 47 |

### Assistance to James Apts.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Daniel J. Bates, groceries, . . . . | $43 00 |

### Assistance to E. H. Arnold and Family.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., groceries, . . | $26 75 |

### Assistance to Thomas Loney and Family.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . . . | $4 25 |

### Assistance to Antone F. Bandura and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. B. Harvey, medical attendance. . . | $24 00 | |
| Dr. Brownell, " " . . | 6 50 | |
| G. P. Pratt, " " . . | 5 00 | |
| Howard Pratt, groceries, . . . . | 45 43 | |
| L. W. Bates, milk, . . . . . | 10 92 | |
| Mrs. L. W. Bates, nursing, etc., . . | 28 37 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses of wife, . . | 24 00 | |
| P. Bates, shoes, . . . . . | 3 60 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . | 25 82 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| | | $181 64 |

### Assistance to Mary Hall.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to John Hall, . . . . . | $8 00 |

ASSISTANCE TO HANNAH L. STODDARD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Howard Pratt, groceries, . . . . | | $25 05 |

ASSISTANCE TO MANUEL JOSEPH AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Francis L. Pratt, groceries, . . . | $12 84 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., groceries, . | 12 35 | |
| | | $25 19 |

ASSISTANCE TO REBECCA C. VINAL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . . | $ 5 00 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses, . . . . | 29 00 | |
| | | $34 00 |
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, . | $75 00 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, " | 35 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . | 20 00 | |
| | | $130 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| By amount due from John J. Lothrop, . | $207 20 | |
| " " James Dady, . . | 205 20 | |
| " " Town of Scituate, . | 187 75 | |
| " " " Braintree, . | 5 25 | |
| " " " So. Scituate, . | 25 05 | |
| " " " Randolph, . | 8 00 | |
| " " State for J. Eliosson, . | 72 00 | |
| " " Mary J. Enos, . | 83 00 | |
| " " Estate of John C. Koop, | 147 50 | |
| " " Mary L. Mendoca, . | 50 55 | |
| " " Thomas Loney, . | 4 50 | |
| " " John McCormick, . | 27 00 | |
| " received from Est. Thos. Willcutt | 5 00 | |
| | $1.028 00 | |
| Amount of expense at Almshouse, . . | | $1,625 72 |
| Amount of expense outside, . . . | | 3,457 93 |
| | | $5,083 65 |
| Deduct outside credit, . . . . | | 1,028 00 |
| | | $4,055 65 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $2,500 00 |
| Amount paid over appropriation, . . | | 1,555 65 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
PHILANDER BATES, } *Overseers of the Poor.*

## *Estimated Amount to be Raised for the Ensuing Year.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of debt, | $2,000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, | 1,500 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1,000 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 3,500 00 |
| Support of Schools, | 5,000 00 |
| Removing Snow, | 400 00 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 500 00 |
| Repairs on School-houses, | 400 00 |
| Repairs on Highways, | 2,500 00 |
| Town Officers, | 1,000 00 |
| Printing and Fire Department, | 400 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 700 00 |
| | $18,900 00 |

## *Town of Cohasset in Account with School Committee.*

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### High School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1877–8. | | |
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $1,000 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 600 00 | |
| | | $1,600 00 |
| A. H. Tower, 1 cord hard wood, . | $ 7 00 | |
| E. E. Tower, ½ " " . | 4 00 | |
| " " 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . | 33 23 | |
| E. F. Olmsted, labor on wood, . . | 5 90 | |
| W. L. Creed, " " . | 8 90 | |
| E. F. Olmsted, care of fires and rooms, | 26 40 | |
| W. L. Creed, " " | 13 30 | |
| | | $103 73 |

### Jerusalem School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| H. D. Hyde, 4 cords wood, prepared and housed, . . . . . | 32 00 | |
| Teacher, care of fire and room, . . | 9 00 | |
| | | $41 00 |

### North Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| A. H. Tower, 4 cords hard wood, . . | $32 00 | |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 00 | |
| D. W. Ready, labor on wood, . . | 6 00 | |
| John McCormick, labor on wood, . . | 3 50 | |
| F. & W. Ready, care of fires and rooms, | 12 00 | |
| J. Sweeney, " " " | 4 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $68 50 |

### Centre Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| R. T. Burbank, wood, . . . . | 9 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . . | 28 02 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 8 50 | |
| " " care of fires and rooms, | 12 00 | |
| Harry W. Souther, " " | 1 00 | |
| Teachers, " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $65 02 |

### South Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . . | $17 50 | |
| F. H. Pratt, labor on wood, . . | 2 25 | |
| Charles B. Pratt, care of fires and rooms, | 12 00 | |
| Teachers, " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $37 75 |

### Beechwood Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $450 00 | |
| Primary, " " . . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $730 00 |
| L. W. Bates, 6½ cords hard wood at $6.50, | $42 25 | |
| " " 1 " pine " . . | 5 50 | |
| " " labor on wood, . . | 17 25 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, care of fire and rooms, | 10 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " . | 6 00 | |
| | | $81 00 |

### Harbor School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $280 00 |
| C. J. Nichols, ½ cord pine wood, . . | $2 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., coal, . | 13 32 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 2 25 | |
| " " " " omitted '76, | 1 75 | |
| W. L. Creed, " " . . | 50 | |
| " " care of fire and room, . | 6 00 | |
| Teacher, " " " . | 3 00 | |
| | | $29 57 |

### King Street School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $324 00 |
| S. G. James, 2 cords hard wood, . | $14 00 | |
| " " 1 " pine " . . | 5 50 | |
| G. O. Burbank, labor on wood, . . | 5 00 | |
| John Burbank, care of fire and room, . | 9 00 | |
| | | $33 50 |

### Miscellaneous Charges.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John L. Shorey, books for Primary Schools, | $16 00 | |
| J. L. Hammett, books and apparatus for High School, . . . . . | 34 41 | |
| Shoenoy & Moellor, dictionary, school, . | 6 00 | |
| E. P. Collier, books for desk, . . . | 2 49 | |
| | | $58 90 |
| | | $5,652 97 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . | | 331 87 |
| | | $5,984 84 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By unexpended balance of last year, . | $ 340 06 | |
| Town Appropriation, . . . | 5,000 00 | |
| Cash of Town of Hull, schooling, . . | 185 80 | |
| State School Fund, . . . | 202 20 | |
| County of Norfolk, dog licenses, . | 206 38 | |
| Ripley School Fund, . . . | 40 40 | |
| Miss A. J. Gannett, tuition, . | 10 00 | |
| | | $5,984 84 |

L. N. BATES,

*Treasurer of School Committee.*

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1877–1878.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's order, drawn to date, | | $24,274 94 |
| " | Assessor's orders for abatement of Taxes, | 448 47 |
| " | State Aid to sundry Families, | 385 00 |
| " | Town's appropriation for Schools, | 5,000 00 |
| " | Other items for School Account, | 644 78 |
| " | Discount on Taxes, paid to Sept. 1, 1877, | 928 49 |
| " | State Tax for 1877, | 1,920 00 |
| " | County Tax for 1877, | 1,971 13 |
| " | Cohasset Savings Bank, funded Note, due April 1, 1877, | 1,000 00 |
| " | M. B. Stetson, demand Note, as renewed, | 250 00 |
| " | Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Company, demand Note, as renewed, | 1,000 00 |
| " | Martha T. Bates, demand Note, as renewed, | 1,600 00 |
| " | Cohasset Savings Bank, demand Note, | 2,000 00 |
| " | New England Trust Company, hired money, | 5,000 00 |
| " | Hingham National Bank, hired money, | 5,000 00 |
| " | Interest on Town's Notes, | 1,469 52 |
| | | $52,892 33 |

Balance in Treasury, composed as follows, viz.:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unpaid Taxes, | $1,888 57 | |
| Cash, | 1,189 04 | |
| | | $3,077 61 |
| | | $55,969 94 |

COHASSET, February 4, 1878.

# A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

1877–1878.

| | |
|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury, from former account, | $2,487 13 |
| Received of State Treasurer, for State Aid, 1876, | 371 64 |
| " " " National Bank Tax, 1877, | 857 36 |
| " " " Corporation Tax, 1877, | 1,240 89 |
| " " " Income of Massachusetts School Fund, 1877, | 202 20 |
| " " " for State Paupers, 1877, | 53 14 |
| " County Treasurer, Dog Licenses, 1877, | 206 38 |
| " " " on acc't construction of "Forest Avenue," | 3,000 00 |
| " Town of Hull, for Schooling of Children, | 185 80 |
| " Town of Scituate, support of Betsey Brown, 1876, | 122 00 |
| " John J. Lothrop, an account support of Son, | 504 51 |
| " Estate of Thomas Willcutt, on account support of D. Willcutt, | 5 00 |
| " Louis N. Lincoln, for income Town Hall, | 39 00 |
| " Rent of Offices in Harbor School-house, 1877, | 60 00 |
| " Sundry persons for produce at Alms-house, | 75 70 |
| " Interest of Ripley Fund, | 40 40 |
| " Interest on deposits, and other items, | 45 94 |
| " A. J. Gannett, for Schooling, | 10 00 |
| " G. W. Litchfield, for Pedlar's License, | 8 00 |
| " T. F. Richardson, for labor on bridge, | 25 00 |
| " M. B. Stetson, hired money, | 250 00 |
| " Cohasset Mutual Fire In's Co., hired money, | 500 00 |
| " Bela Stoddard, hired money, | 600 00 |
| " Martha T. Bates, hired money, | 1,600 00 |
| " James W. Nichols, hired money, | 2,000 00 |
| " New England Trust Company, hired money, | 7,000 00 |
| " Hingham National Bank, hired money, | 11,500 00 |
| " Amount of Tax List for 1877, | 22,979 85 |
| | $55,969 94 |

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

## *LIST OF JURORS,*

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town, at its Annual Town Meeting, March 4th, 1878.

Philander Bates.
Thomas A. Bates.
Adna Bates.
John W. Bates.
Warren Bates, 2d.
David P. Beal.
William H. Beal.
Alfred Beal.
Albert W. Beal.
Robert T. Burbank.
George W. Cousens.
Edward E. Ellms.
Stephen D. Farrar.
John E. Groce.
Daniel Hudson, Jr.
Galen James.
Samuel L. Jenkins.
Samuel Kneeland, Jr.
Zenas D. Lincoln.
Isaiah Lincoln.
J. Loring Litchfield.
Richard W. Lothrop.
Levi L. Nichols.
Caleb F. Nichols.
Caleb J. Nichols.
James Pettee.
Aaron Pratt.
Robert B. Pratt.
Zaccheus Rich,
Ziba C. Small.
Henry Snow.
Franklin Stoddard.
Bela Stoddard.
A. H. Tower, Jr.
Otis S. Wilbur.
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.

## JURYMEN DRAWN DURING 1877–78.

March 20, 1877, Louis N. Lincoln, Grand Juror.
" 27, " James H. Little, Superior Court.
April 13, " Rufus Bates, Jr., "
Aug. 27, " Edwin Bates, "
Sept. 12, " Elisha Lincoln, "
Nov. 27, " Samuel E. Pratt, "
Dec. 11, " Philip Fox, "
Feb. 4, 1878, Thomas Lincoln, Jr., Sup. Jud. Court.

# LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

## Registered in Cohasset for the Year 1877.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residence. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 31, | Edwin F. Tilden<br>Laura M. Sylvester | Hingham<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| April 1, | Alfred W. Cook<br>Laura A. Bradford | Weymouth<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| May 24, | Joseph O. Osgood<br>Sarah E. Littlefield | Cohasset<br>Milton | Married in Milton by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| July 29, | Luke O'Reilly<br>Margaret Cronican | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Peter J. Leddy. |
| Sept. 4, | Laban Worrick<br>Ella E. Parkin | Cohasset<br>Boston | Married in Boston by Rev. S. H. Winckley. |
| Oct. 18, | Martin Nichols<br>Emily F. Fitts | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| Oct. 27, | William Foley<br>Margaret Sweney | Rockland<br>Cohasset | Married in Hingham by Rev. Peter J. Leddy. |
| Nov. 22, | Lovindo C. Silva<br>Maria Sa'Jose | Cohasset<br>West'n Isles | Married in Hingham by Rev. Peter J. Leddy. |
| Nov. 28, | Frank W. Richards<br>Ollie A. Lincoln | Weymouth<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. C. D. R. Meacham. |
| Nov. 29, | Wentworth J. Earle<br>Sarah A. Bates | Weymouth<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. M. A. Stevens. |
| Dec. 11, | John F. Taylor<br>Maria L. Tirrell | Cohasset<br>Boston | Married in Boston by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. |
| Dec. 11, | Lyman B. Fitts<br>Martha E. Miller | So. Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| Dec. 12, | Henry L. Bates<br>Amelia F. Bates | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| Dec. 18, | Levi L. Worrick, 3d,<br>Alice A. Tower, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| June 24, 1875. | Waldo C. Locke<br>Lucinda P. Reed | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Providence, R.I., by Rev. Dudley P. Leavitt. |
| Aug. 4, 1875. | William W. Apts<br>Henrietta M. Aineslie | Cohasset<br>" | Married in S. Scituate by Rev. Wm. H. Fish. |
| Nov. 12, 1875. | John Roche, Jr.<br>Mary H. Murphy | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Weymouth by Rev. H. P. Smyth. |
| Dec. 30, 1875. | Joseph T. Gardner<br>Martha T. Spurr | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| Nov. 19, 1876. | John Donovan<br>Mary J. McQueeney | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Peter J. Leddy. |
| Nov. 28, 1876. | Edward P. Aineslie<br>Mary A. Donovan | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Peter J. Leddy. |

During the year 1877 there were but fourteen marriages solemnized, which have been registered in this town. The above list of Marriages contains, in addition to that number, six which were not returned for registration in season to be printed with others of the same years.

There were thirteen Intentions of Marriage issued during the year 1877.

# BIRTHS—1877.

| Date. | NAMES. | Parents Names. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 9, | Frank Minot Pratt | John J. A. and Mary F | Beechwood st. |
| " 16, | Emma Bryant Loney | Thomas and Lama | Pleasant st. |
| " 24, | William Walter O'Brien | James and Mary | Pleasant st. |
| " 28, | Gertrude Shaw Locke | Waldo C. and Lucinda P | King st. |
| Feb. 6, | Miriam Crosby Treat | Nathaniel W. and Hannah F. | Margin st. |
| " 10, | William Tilson Litchfield | Charles H. and Eliza J | Church st. |
| " 17, | George Anthony Henry | Harrison and Julia | No. Main st. |
| " 26, | Mary Elizabeth James | Galen and Hannah F | King st. |
| Mar. 10, | John Silvia | Joseph and Louisa | Margin st. |
| " 29, | Idella Boynton Hayden | John G. and Emma L | Border st. |
| April 15, | Mary Carrie Apts | William W. and Henrietta M. | Doane st. |
| " 20, | Alma Amelia Priest | Charles J. and Harriet E | Jerusalem r'd. |
| " 27, | Lizzie Ella Sweeney | James and Honora | No. Main st. |
| " 28, | Peter Thomas Roche | Thomas and Annie | No. Main st. |
| July 11, | Mary Augusta Williston | Charles H. and Mary J | King st. |
| " 23, | John Jacinto | Joseph and Marianna | Snow place. |
| Aug. 16, | Addie Lillian Wood | Osborn and Addie P | King st. |
| " 17, | Joseph Silvia | Manuel and Anna | Spring st. |
| " 30, | Augustus Joseph Silvia | Antoine J. and Anna | Snow place. |
| " 30, | Charles Fisher | Frank and Felemena | Margin st. |
| Sept. 5, | Eleanor Teresa Downes | Patrick and Ellen | Pleasant st. |
| " 7, | Claud Garrison Aineslie | E. Peter and Mary A | Margin st. |
| " 7, | Mary Elizabeth St. John | Joseph and Catharine | So. Main st. |
| " 12, | —— —— Caddon | Richard and Bridget | Jerusalem r'd. |
| " 15, | Charles Joseph Enos | Manuel S. and Alice | Elm st. |
| " 17, | —— —— Cushing | Louis T. and Mary R | So. Main st. |
| Oct. 3, | Flora Caroline Ney | John and Louis A. | Church st. |
| " 12, | —— —— Eliosson | —— Jenny | Atlantic av. |
| " 13, | Gordon Studley Beal | Arthur E. and Sarah P | No. Main st. |
| " 23, | John Silvia Leonard | Manuel S. and Rita V | Elm st. |
| Nov. 2, | John Enos Frates | Joseph E. and Mary F | Border st. |
| " 8, | Cora Elenora Swanson | Olf and Caroline | Jerusalem r'd. |
| " 12, | Agnes Lillian O'Connell | Michael and Catharine | Pleasant st. |
| Dec. 4, | Albert Peter Joseph | Peter and Mary A | Margin st. |
| " 4, | Mary Dutra | Joseph S. and Mary F | Snow Place. |
| " 13, | Elizabeth Catharine Roche | Thomas, Jr., and Mary H | Bow st. |
| " 19, | Margaret Elizabeth Healey | Matthew and Mary | Pleasant st. |
| " 28, | George Francis Sweeney | Michael and Honorah | No. Main st. |

There were thirty-eight births in the town during the year 1877, as per list above, — eventeen males and twenty-one females.

American Parentage.....18
Foreign Parentage.....20
Mixed Parentage ..... 5

## SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF BIRTHS.

| Date of Birth | NAMES. | Parents Names. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1870. | | | |
| Sept. 19, | George Foster Higgens | George O. and Polly E | Margin st. |
| 1874. | | | |
| June 27, | Hattie Jane Higgens | George O. and Polly E | Border st. |
| Nov. 28, | Percy Clifford Litchfield | Edwin C. and Mary C | Beechwood st. |
| 1875. | | | |
| April 19, | Clarence Studley | William W. and Sarah E | Pleasant st. |
| May 8, | Joseph David Beal | David P. and Eva A | Hull. |
| Aug. 29, | Fred. Bartlett Studley | Andrew J. and Helen M | Border st. |
| Sept. 28, | Margaret Ellen Roche | John, Jr., and Mary H | Bow st. |

# DEATHS—1877.

| Date. | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 8, | Elizabeth Bandura | | 3 | 23 | Debility | Margin st. |
| " 15, | 1 Sarah L. Enos | 21 | 11 | 27 | Acute Pneumonia | Elm st. |
| Feb. 12, | Daniel F. Bates | 32 | 5 | | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Beechwood st. |
| " 14, | Nathan H. Beal | 41 | 3 | 7 | Typhoid Pneumonia. | Hull st. |
| " 21, | 2 Ellen Roche | 20 | 5 | 23 | Debility | Jerusalem road. |
| " 26, | Betsey Beal | 79 | 1 | | Pleurissa | Hull st. |
| " 28, | 1 John A. Frates | 2 | 2 | 22 | Drowned | Border st. |
| Mar. 14, | Betsey N. Tower | 1 | 4 | | Diptheria | Elm st. |
| " 31, | Mary A. Howard | 71 | 3 | 16 | Gastric Ulcer | Elm st. |
| April 2, | 1 Manuel E. Smith | | 9 | 24 | Diptheria | Elm st. |
| " 2, | 1 Ignatia Smith | 3 | 4 | 20 | Diptheria | Elm st. |
| " 4, | Warren N. Leeds | 57 | 5 | 20 | Diabetes | Jerusalem road. |
| " 4, | 1 William F. Smith | 5 | 5 | 12 | Diptheria | Elm st. |
| " 11, | Rebecca C. Vinal | 62 | 10 | 11 | Cystitis | Winter st. |
| " 15, | Lucy Nichols | 90 | 11 | 18 | Bronchitis | Jerusalem road. |
| " 20, | 1 Filomena J. Frates | 8 | 3 | 8 | Diptheria | Margin st. |
| " 27, | 1 Mary G. Frates | 6 | 3 | 27 | Diptheria | Margin st. |
| " 28, | 3 Julia McCuen | 29 | 5 | 3 | Heart Disease | Jerusalem road. |
| June 15, | 3 Helen L Montgomery | 67 | 10 | 7 | Acute Rheumatism | Atlantic ave. |
| " 20, | Charles Barnes | 66 | 3 | 21 | Consumption | Elm st. |
| July 2, | 1 Angelina F. Munnies. | 42 | | 3 | Apoplexy | Beechwood st. |
| " 24, | ——— Pitkin | | | | Still Birth | Jerusalem road. |
| Aug. 4, | 2 Charles F. Foss | 20 | 8 | 11 | Drowned | near Atlantic av. |
| " 5, | Jennie T. Cousens | | 8 | 10 | Acute Meningitis | Elm st. |
| " 26, | 4 Theodore F. Tobey | 37 | 5 | | Heart Disease | Margin st. |
| Sept. 3, | 5 Harrison Henry | 42 | 8 | | Consumption | No. Main st. |
| " 10, | 1 Susan E. Lynde | | 3 | 27 | Cholera Infantum | Spring st. |
| " 12. | 1 Betsey Brown | 78 | 8 | 12 | Heart Disease | Pleasant st. |
| " 16, | Harriet Morse | 79 | | | Cystitis | Jerusalem road. |
| " 17, | 1 Florencia L. Enos | 1 | 9 | 4 | Acute Meningitis | Elm st. |
| " 18, | 6 Lucy F. Morey | 64 | 8 | 28 | Heart Disease | Pleasant st. |
| " 21, | Lydia M. Smith | 1 | 1 | | Dysentery | No. Main st. |
| " 24, | John A. Litchfield | 2 | | 21 | Cholera Infantum | Beechwood st. |
| " 25, | Albert F. Gracia | | 11 | 17 | Acute Meningitis | Border st. |
| " 27, | John Coin | 81 | 2 | | Old Age | No. Main st. |
| " 30, | Frank M. Pratt | | 9 | | Acute Meningitis | Beechwood st. |
| Oct. 15, | Gertrude N. Pratt | 15 | 4 | 15 | Phthisis Pulmonalis | So. Main st. |
| " 22. | S. Herbert Nichols | 23 | 5 | | Diabetes | Winter st. |
| " 30, | Polly B. Coin | 67 | 11 | | Debility | No. Main st. |
| Nov. 29, | Louisa S. Bandura | 33 | | | Pul. Consumption | Beechwood st. |
| Dec. 31, | John C. Coop | 67 | 6 | | Hernia | Margin st. |
| " 28, | Sarah Wheelwright | 86 | 8 | 17 | Anaemia | King st. |
| " 29, | Susanna B. Bates | 72 | 1 | 18 | Consumption | No. Main st. |
| " 30, | Mary Lincoln | 80 | 3 | 10 | Apoplexy | So. Main st. |

1 Buried at Scituate. 2 Buried at Quincy. 3 Buried at Boston.
4 Buried at Wareham. 5 Buried at Weymouth. 6 Buried at Hingham.

There were forty-four deaths in the town during the year 1877,—seventeen males and twenty-seven females. Average age 35 years, 8 months, 5 days.

American Parentage.....25
Foreign Parentage.....14
Mixed Parentage..... 3
Unknown Parentage..... 2—44

There were but three bodies brought into the town for interment during the year 1877, against twenty-one in 1876. The names are as follows:

**DEATHS—(Continued).**

| Date of Birth. | NAMES. | Age. | | | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Y. | M. | D. | |
| August 3, 1877, | Freddie L. Dunbar | 1 | 2 | 7 | Boston. |
| August 17, 1877, | Eliza Chadbourne | 66 | 4 | | Boston. |
| November 18, 1877, | John Holland | 64 | | | Scituate. |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting,

March 4th, 1878.

Article 1. To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor and School Committee, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law.

Article 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Support of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Support of Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

Article 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and Families of the slain.

Article 7. To hear the report of Selectmen on Guideboards, and act thereon.

Article 8. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 9. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 10. Will the Town make any disposition of the debt not funded.

Article 11. To hear the report of the Selectmen on building a sidewalk on King Street, and act thereon.

Article 12. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to raise the road in the hollow near the Black Rock House, or act thereon.

Article 13. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen or School Committee to provide a place for Truant Children in some Truant School in this State, or act thereon.

Article 14. To act upon the report of the County Commissioners in relation to the alteration proposed on Hull Street.

Article 15. To hear the report of the Committee chosen last March on the alteration of the Town Hall, and act thereon.

Article 16. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase land of Mrs. Mary D. S. Higginson to enlarge the lot at the North District School-house, or act thereon.

Article 17. What action will the Town take in relation to keeping of Tramps.

Article 18. Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to lower the hill near the house of Rachel Swett on Beechwood Street, or act thereon.

Article 19. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the street and sidewalk on Pleasant Street, or act thereon.

Article 20. To hear the report of any Committee, and act thereon.

Article 21. Will the Town cause a Fire Engine to be placed on Jerusalem Road, or act thereon.

Article 22. What action will the Town take on claim of Cornelius Lincoln for land sold by the Town to Melzar G. Groce, on Jerusalem Road.

Article 23. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, on the claim of Susan Waters to house and land of Joseph P. Wheelwright, or act thereon.

Article 24. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the hill near the dwelling of Francis L. Bates on Beechwood Street, or act thereon.

Article 25. Will the Town cause the ledge on Pond Street near the barn of A. & H. Pratt to be removed, or act thereon.

Article 26. Will the Town cause the road over the meadows near Aaron Pratt's to be planked on the north side, and railed, or act thereon.

# REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following Report of the Schools in Cohasset for the current year, is respectfully submitted by the Superintendent to the School Committee.

An unusual and noteworthy fact with regard to the schools of the town is, that there have been no changes of teachers in any of them during the year. The eleven teachers who had charge of the schools a year ago have charge now of the same schools, and there can be no question but that their increased experience has given them greater ability to teach well, and augmented their usefulness. There has, probably, never been a year when the discipline of the schools has been so good, or so easily secured, when there has been so little punishment of any kind necessary, when there have been so few appeals to the School Committee or Superintendent, or when the conduct and management of the schools have been so harmonious and satisfactory as during the past year. Indeed, there is a great contrast between the state of discipline in our schools at present and that of former times. I have found the schools invariably, and without exception, in good order through the year. The children have generally seemed to be happy and interested. In the High School, corporal punishment has been entirely dispensed with; and in the other schools it has been entirely relinquished, or has become very infrequent. Teachers are becoming more and more impressed with the importance of gaining the love of their scholars, of awakening their self-respect, and of exciting in them a love for learning, and an enthusiasm for their work.

Although this may not have been sufficiently accomplished, yet it has been the aim and tendency of our teachers, and the greater their progress has been in this direction, the more joyous and useful has been their work.

As a consequence and an evidence of the good order and discipline of the schools, the school-houses, furniture, and outbuildings have been preserved free from injury and in good condition. There has been no wanton injury that has come to the notice of the Superintendent; and there has been but very little accidental injury. The repairs which have been made have been rendered necessary, chiefly by natural wear, decay, and deterioration; and their cost would have been unusually small, had not a change of the doors, to make some of the school-rooms safer in case of fire, been required by a law of the State. Something has also been expended for new furniture and apparatus needed in some of the schools. The school-rooms have all been kept very neatly, and the teachers have taken pride in trying to have the floors clean and the desks in good order and free from ink-stains, although they have not been able to obliterate entirely the stains of former years.

It has not been necessary to suspend any of the schools on account of epidemic or contagious diseases during the year; but the attendance of many children has been interrupted by this cause, and the numbers of children in some of the schools have at times been considerably diminished. Truancy has prevailed to some extent, and the fact that no suitable place has as yet been provided, to which truant children can be sent, has made it difficult to effectually restrain the evil. It is desirable that the town should authorize the Selectmen or the School Committee to make arrangements with some city which has a truant school for the care and confinement of such children as may be sentenced according to the by-laws of the town. As our present by-laws were adopted in 1862, since which time there have been important changes in the State laws in regard to truancy, I would, therefore, recommend that the by-laws adopted by the town in 1862 be repealed, and that the following be adopted in their place:

## By-Laws of the Town of Cohasset Concerning Truant Children and Absentees from School.

Sect. 1. Children who are habitual truants, and children who are between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful business or occupation, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be reported to the School Committee, or the Superintendent of Schools, who shall require such children to attend school, and shall use their influence to secure the regular attendance in school of said children.

Sect. 2. If any minor, such as is described in the preceding section, continues to be an habitual truant, or to wander about in the streets and public places of the town, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school, but growing up in ignorance, the said minor when convicted before a justice or court having competent jurisdiction, shall be committed to an institution for instruction, or a suitable situation provided for the purpose, for such time, not exceeding two years, as the justice or court may determine.

Sect. 3. The Selectmen of the town are hereby authorized to assign the truant school of some city provided according to section 1 of chapter 262 of the Laws of Massachusetts, approved May 2, 1873, as the place to which minors convicted under the provisions of section 2, shall be committed.

Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to make complaints and to carry into execution the judgment thereon, in giving effect to the provisions of the 3d section of these by-laws.

In addition to absence from school caused by truancy, by sickness, and by the services of children being sometimes needed to assist their parents in labor at home, cases are not unfrequent where children are kept at home for longer or shorter periods, for want of suitable clothing or shoes. Their parents may have done the best they could for them. But the children ought not to suffer from this necessary and forced

absence from school, and thus to have their progress in education seriously and permanently impeded. If the difficulty cannot be remedied by private charity, provision should be made for it by the town.

The subjoined table represents the numbers of pupils belonging to the different schools during the year.

| | Spring and Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jerusalem School, | 24 | 19 | 19 |
| North Grammer School, | 22 | 30 | 28 |
| North Primary School, | 31 | 28 | 26 |
| Centre Grammar School, | 35 | 33 | 38 |
| Centre Primary School, | 35 | 30 | 31 |
| South Grammar School, | 50 | 37 | 37 |
| South Primary School, | 41 | 41 | 30 |
| Beechwoods Grammar School, | 26 | 34 | 40 |
| Beechwoods Primary School, | 30 | 24 | 25 |
| Harbor School, | 35 | 33 | 32 |
| King Street School, | 20 | 17 | 14 |
| High School, | 51 | 60 | 64 |
| | 400 | 386 | 384 |

It is not necessary that a critical statement should be made of each school, for the general remarks which have been made apply to all the schools. While there have been different degrees of success, and in some schools there has been more enthusiasm and greater interest and progress in study than in others, no school has failed to accomplish very creditable work for its pupils.

The High School has never been in a better state of displine, or has done more for its pupils than during the past year. An excellent spirit has prevailed among the scholars, the attendance of most of them has been very constant and regular, the studies have been better graded and systematized than ever before, and opportunity is afforded for those pupils who continue through the course to get a very good education.

A larger number of scholars from the Jerusalem and Beech-

wood Districts than ever before have availed themselves of its privileges, thus showing their appreciation of the school, and securing for themselves advantages which could not be obtained in the lower schools.

The teaching of reading has received more than ordinary attention in some of the schools. In the High School it has received a good deal of careful attention with encouraging results; while, in the Primary schools, books in addition to the regular text-books have been put into the hands of the children, from which they have read with new interest and manifest improvement.

The children in the Primary schools have also been trained to write a good deal on the black-boards and on their slates, so that when they enter the Grammar schools they may be enabled to write easily and legibly.

The teachers of the different schools have been instructed and urged not to confine themselves to their text-books in teaching, but to teach as much as possible orally, having a regard to thoughts and ideas more than to words, not satisfying themselves with the dull routine of hearing lessons recited, — often the dreariest and most unprofitable kind of drudgery, — but to seek, on the contrary, to quicken the minds of their pupils, awaken in them the spirit of inquiry, and kindle in them a real interest in the topics of their studies.

A true teacher should have enthusiasm, sympathy, joyousness, a living interest in culture and learning, and a far larger education than is necessary to teach barely the common branches of school study. This preparation can be acquired only by one's being a constant student and learner. Then teachers must be ready and willing to get out of ruts, and to break away from routine. They need courage and resolution. They should not fear to adopt new methods, or to dispense, occasionally, with the ordinary work of the school when an opportunity offers for impressing on the minds of the children an important truth or duty, or of awakening in them a more earnest spirit of joy or enthusiasm in their studies and work.

Something, I think, has been done by our teachers in this

direction. More must be done to make our teaching and our schools what they ought to be. We are moving forward and gaining something, I trust, every year. There is one thing, however, which, I think, is especially needed to complete the educational system of the town. This is a good Public Library. Year by year I have felt the importance and the need of this more and more. The town is not so well off in this respect as it was thirty or fifty years ago. Then there was a library, containing most of the best books of the day, to which all could have access on the payment of a moderate assessment. Now, while newspapers, story papers, magazines, and cheap novels may be more or less accessible, and may have important uses in imparting instruction and pleasure, the people of the town have no access, or but casual and difficult, to the best books, — those which most conduce to true culture, to a liberal education, and to the highest mental and spiritual refinement and enjoyment. There are many books of history, of social, natural, and physical science, of philosophy, of education, of poetry, of the higher forms of fiction; of criticism, and of polite literature, which are now entirely beyond the reach of most of the people of the town. Our school teachers need these books, that by the reading of them they may enlarge their own culture, and find instruction and illustration for the better teaching of their pupils. How can they be expected to improve themselves much, unless they have access to the means of learning? The children in our schools need such a library to assist them in their studies, to deepen their interest in learning, and to elevate and refine their taste. Our young men and young women need the use of such a library, after they have left school, that they may continue an education which has been but elementary, and be enabled to attain a culture to which we can hardly place limits. Then, to those who have advanced beyond the period of youth and have reached mature life, or have entered upon life's decline, what a help, comfort, solace and joy is a good book, expressing the newest or the wisest thought of men who have been the past leaders, or are the present leaders of our race? By the help

of such books one hardly need ever grow old, and our advancement in learning may continue as long as the power of thought and of mental activity remains to us. I think such a library is absolutely necessary for the perfection of our school or educational system; and I am sure it would be an inexpressible privilege and increasing benefit to every man and woman in the town who can read, and would make use of it.

The State has very wisely made laws by which towns are authorized to found and sustain such libraries.

It is hoped that the town will take early action with regard to establishing a Public Town Library, and I would recommend that a committee be chosen by the town to consider the matter and report to the town for further action.

In many towns there have been men of wealth who have felt it a pleasure to contribute of their wealth to establish or aid such a library. It cannot but be, that we have wealthy citizens, who would generously contribute to so worthy an enterprise, and who would rejoice to do something for the permanent culture, refinement and enjoyment of the people of the town in which they reside.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,

*Superintendent of Schools in Cohasset.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Esq., } *School*
Mr. L. N. BATES. } *Committee.*

The foregoing Report of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and adopted by the School Committee.

L. N. BATES, } *School*
J. Q. A. LOTHROP. } *Committee.*

# Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF COHASSET,

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1879,

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

## Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and School Committee,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

ALSO, THE

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

AND

Report of the Votes Cast at the State Election in November, 1878.

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BOSTON:
W. F. BROWN & CO., PRINTERS,
NO. 113 FRANKLIN STREET.

# Doings at the Annual Town Meeting,

HELD MARCH 4th, 1878.

TAKEN FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.

*(ABRIDGED.)*

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ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to Accept the Report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer.

Voted that the Report of the School Committee be laid on the table.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers chosen as follows: —

*Town Clerk.*

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

*Treasurer and Collector.*

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, JR.

*Surveyors of Highways.*

THOMAS A. BATES, WARREN BATES, 2d, THOS. M. SMITH,
IRA B. PRATT, JAMES PETTEE, BELA JOY,
ISRAEL C. VINAL.

*School Committee.*

LEVI N. BATES for 3 years. JOHN W. BATES for 2 years.

*Constables.*

ISAIAH LINCOLN, JOHN E. GROCE, ISRAEL C. VINAL,
ISAAC W. BEAL, EDW. E. WENTWORTH, JOSEPH ST. JOHN,
PHILIP FOX.

*Fire Wards.*

PHILIP FOX, ISAAC W. BEAL, A. S. RICHARDSON,
ZACCHEUS RICH, SAMUEL E. PRATT, THOMAS A. BATES.

*Fence Viewers.*

THOMAS M. SMITH, J. FOSTER DOANE, D. O. WADE.

*Field Drivers.*

LEANDER W. GROSE, THOS. WILLIAMS, BELA JOY,
PHILIP FOX, ISAAC S. PRATT, M. B. STETSON,
SAM'L KNEELAND, JR., D. O. WADE, ISRAEL C. VINAL,
THOMAS LONEY.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

D. O. WADE, N. B. TOWER.

*Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

THOMAS J. BROWNE.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

MORGAN B. STETSON, WALTER S. BEAL, HOWARD PRATT.

*Pound Keeper.*

WILLIAM O. SOUTHER.

Voted to take up the Second Article, and take action on the Report of the School Committee.

Voted in accordance with the suggestions set forth in the Report of the School Committee, that the existing By-Laws of the Town, relating to Truant children, be repealed, and voted that the By-Laws submitted to the School Committee, by the Secretary of the State Board of Education be adopted, subject to the approval of a Judge of the Superior, or Probate Courts. The said By-Laws are as follows:

By-Laws concerning Truants, adopted by the Town of Cohasset, March 4, 1878, and approved March 20, 1878, by George White, Esq., Judge of the Probate Court.

ART. 1. The Town of Cohasset hereby avails itself of the

several provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and, in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following By-Laws:

Art. 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to such place for confinement, instruction, and discipline as the selectmen of the town shall assign.

Art. 3. Two or more truant-officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all violations of the truant-laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of every truant-officer, prior to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or the absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor; and, if the truant-officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant-officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duty.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the truant-officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

Art. 7. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

The School Committee in their Report suggested the propriety of the Town taking some action tending towards the establishment of a Public Library, and in furtherance of the said suggestion, it was voted that a Committee of Five be appointed to consider the expediency of so doing, and to report at the next annual meeting.

The Committee chosen, were as follows: — Rev. Joseph Osgood, Edward E. Tower, Levi N. Bates, Philander Bates, and John W. Bates.

Voted, to lay the School Committee's Report on the table, and take up the Thirteenth Article.

Article 13. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to provide a place for truant children in some truant school in the State. Voted, to take the School Committee's Report from the table. Voted, that the Report of the School Committee, after being amended by substituting the above By-Laws for those therein contained, be accepted.

Article 4. Voted, to raise eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars, ($18,900,) to be appropriated as follows: —

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|---|---|
| For payment of Debt, . . . . . | $2 000 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . | 1 500 |
| Discount on Taxes, . . . . . | 1 000 |
| Support of Schools, . . . . . | 5 000 |
| Support of Poor, . . . . . | 3 500 |
| Removing Snow, . . . . . | 400 |
| Roads and Bridges, . . . . . | 500 |
| Repairs on School Houses, . . | 400 |
| Repairs on Highways, . . . . . | 2 500 |
| Town Officers, . . . . . | 1 000 |
| Printing and Fire Department, . . | 400 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 700 |
| Total, . . . . . | $18 900 |

Article 5. Voted, that on all taxes, (School Books ex-

cepted,) voluntarily paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of September next, a discount of five per cent will be made, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the fifth day of November, 1878, shall be collected in the manner provided by law.

Article 6. Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State aid to disabled soldiers and sailors, and families of the slain.

Article 7. Voted, that the report of the Selectmen on Guide-boards be accepted. The following is their Report:

"The Selectmen respectfully submit the following Report of the Guide-boards in the town of Cohasset, Feb. 19, 1878.

"There are guide-boards erected and maintained at the following places, viz.: — one at the corner of Church and Beechwood streets; one at the corner of King and Beechwood streets; one at the corner of So. Main and Beechwood streets; one at the corner of So. Main and Summer streets; one at the Cove on Border street; one on Elm street near Engine House; one on No. Main street, corner of Jerusalem street. Two new guide-boards are needed at the corners of North Main streets, Forest Avenue and King Street; one at corner of Forest avenue and Jerusalem road; one at corner of Jerusalem Road and Hull street."

Article 8. Voted, that the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen, and printed in the last Report, be accepted after erasing from the same, at their request, the names of Warren Bates, 2d, Caleb F. Nichols, Caleb J. Nichols, and Bela Stoddard.

Article 9. Voted, that the Selectmen cause the Financial Report of the Town to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 10. Voted, that the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, be authorized to fund the sum of twelve thousand dollars, ($12,000,) of the unfunded debt of the Town; one thousand dollars to become payable annually from

the year 1879; or, in such other manner as they may think for the best interests of the Town.

ARTICLE 11. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200,) which was raised last March for a side-walk on King street, but which was not expended, be appropriated for special improvements on King street Road.

ARTICLE 12. Voted, to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars, ($150.00,) to raise the road in the hollow, near the Black Rock House.

ARTICLE 14. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to appear before the County Commissioners, and oppose the laying out of the proposed alteration on Hull street.

ARTICLE 15. The Committee, chosen for the purpose at the last annual meeting, submitted a plan of the proposed alterations on the Town Hall, with the estimated cost for doing the same, which was $1,200.

It was voted to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars, ($1,200,) to make such necessary alterations in the Town Hall as will comply with the law. And that the Selectmen cause the same to be done by contract by the lowest responsible bidder in this town.

ARTICLE 16. Passed over.

ARTICLE 17. Voted, that tramps shall be kept in the lock-up, and that the Overseers of the Poor shall let out the care of them to the lowest responsible bidder.

ARTICLE 18. Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars, ($200,) to lower the hill near the house of Rachael Swett on Beechwood street.

ARTICLE 19. Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars, ($200,) to improve the street and sidewalk on Pleasant street.

ARTICLE 20. The Selectmen report the first suit of C. G. Beal against the Town, as settled, the verdict having been rendered in favor of the Plaintiff. They also report a new suit commenced.

ARTICLE 21. Voted, that the Selectmen be a committee to confer with the Selectmen of the towns of Hingham and Hull, in relation to placing a Fire Engine on Jerusalem Road, and they are to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 22. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to take legal advice on the claim of Cornelius Lincoln, for land sold by the Town to Melzar G. Groce, and they are to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 23. Voted, that the claim of Mrs. Susan Waters be referred to a committee of three disinterested persons, appointed by the Overseers of the Poor and herself, both parties to abide by their decision, after having the consent of Mrs. Waters so to do.

ARTICLE 24. Passed over.

ARTICLE 25. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to cause the ledge on Pond Street, near the barn of A. and H. Pratt, to be removed, and that the money to pay for doing the same be taken from the appropriation for roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 26. Passed over.

ARTICLE 27. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to employ counsel and defend the suit commenced against the Town by C. G. Beal, for damages.

Voted, that the thanks of the meeting be passed to the Presiding Officer for the able and impartial manner in which he has attended to the duties of the day.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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March 11, 1878. Allen C. Bates, appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures.

March 11, 1878. Alexander T. Prouty, appointed Weigher of Coal.

April 2, 1878. Israel C. Vinal, appointed Keeper of Tramps.

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|---|---|---|
| Number of Enrolled Militia in Cohasset in 1878, | | 291 |
| Number of Dogs licensed in 1878, | | 105 |
| Males, | 100 | |
| Females, | 5 | |
| Total, | 105 | |

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Ballots were cast for the various State, County, and District Officers, in Cohasset at the November Elections, 1878, as follows: —

For Governor.

| | |
|---|---|
| Thomas Talbot, of Billerica, | 201 |
| Benjamin F. Butler, of Lowell, | 63 |
| Josiah G. Abbott, of Boston, | 18 |
| Alonzo A. Miner, of Boston, | 10 |
| Total, | 292 |

For Lieutenant Governor.

| | |
|---|---|
| John D. Long, of Hingham, | 192 |
| John F. Arnold, of North Adams, | 63 |
| William R. Plunkett, of Pittsfield, | 27 |
| George C. Ewing, of Holyoke, | 10 |
| Total, | 292 |

For Secretary.

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|---|---|
| Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, | 192 |
| Weston Howland, of Fairhaven, | 63 |
| Henry C. Ewing, of Holyoke, | 27 |
| David B. Gurney, of South Abington, | 10 |
| Total, | 292 |

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

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|---|---|
| Charles Endicott, of Canton, | 192 |
| John H. Jennings, of New Bedford, | 63 |
| David N. Skillings, of Winchester, | 37 |
| Total, | 292 |

For Auditor.

| | |
|---|---|
| Julius L. Clarke, of Newton, | 192 |
| Davis J. King, of Boston, | 63 |
| John E. Fitzgerald, of Boston, | 26 |
| Jonathan H. Orne, of Marblehead, | 10 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Attorney General.

| | |
|---|---|
| George Marston, of New Bedford, | 192 |
| William D. Northend, of Salem, | 63 |
| Richard Olney, of Boston, | 25 |
| Orin T. Gray, of Hyde Park, | 10 |
| Benjamin W. Harris, of New Bedford, | 1 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Representative to Congress. Second District.

| | |
|---|---|
| Benjamin W. Harris, of East Bridgewater, | 191 |
| Edward Avery, of Braintree, | 90 |
| T. J. Lothrop, of Taunton, | 10 |
| William W. Rice, of Worcester, | 1 |
| Total, | 292 |

For Councillor. First District.

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|---|---|
| John S. Brayton, of Fall River, | 191 |
| S. B. Phinney, of Barnstable, | 90 |
| Nehemiah P. Baker, of Falmouth, | 10 |
| William O. Taylor, of Boston, | 1 |
| Total, | 292 |

For County Commissioner.

| | |
|---|---|
| George W. Wiggin, of Franklin, | 192 |
| James M. Freeman, of Franklin, | 27 |
| Timothy Ide, of Medway, | 10 |
| Total, | 229 |

For Register of Probate and Insolvency.

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|---|---|
| Jonathan Cobb, of Dedham, | 229 |

For Senator. Second Plymouth District.

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|---|---|
| Jonathan White, of Brockton, | 191 |
| S. P. Thaxter, of Abington, | 63 |
| Samuel B. Thaxter, of Abington, | 27 |
| Frederick D. Ely, of Dedham, | 1 |
| Total, | 282 |

For Representative. Second Plymouth District.

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|---|---|
| William C. Litchfield, South Scituate, | 188 |
| Seth Foster, South Scituate, | 90 |
| Roswell Curtis, South Scituate, | 10 |
| Total, | 288 |

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The vote of the Second Plymouth District for Representative to the General Court was as follows: —

| | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| W. C. Litchfield, So. Scituate, | 220 | 173 | 188 | 581 |
| Seth Foster, So. Scituate, | 134 | 148 | 90 | 372 |
| Roswell Curtis, So. Scitnate, | 6 | 3 | 10 | 19 |
| Rufus Clapp, So. Scituate, | 1 | | | 1 |
| E. T. Fogg, So. Scituate, | | 1 | | 1 |

William C. Litchfield, of So. Scituate, having a plurality of votes, was elected.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# Report of the Selectmen.

### *Removing Snow.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James S. Beal and others, for 1877, . | $49 25 | |
| C. F. Tilden, snow ploughs, . . | 22 00 | |
| James Pettee and others, . . . | 20 02 | |
| Warren Bates, 2d, and others, . . | 12 87 | |
| Thomas M. Smith and others, . . | 35 50 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, . . . . . | 9 25 | |
| Moses Sargent, . . . . . | 11 75 | |
| Alden Beal, . . . . . | 6 50 | |
| Alms-house team, . . . . . | 7 00 | |
| | | $174 14 |
| Deduct for Alms-house team, . . | | 7 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . | | $167 14 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 400 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | 232 86 |

### *Special Repairs, Jerusalem Road.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Ready, labor, . . . . . | $19 25 | |
| Michael Sweeny, Jr., labor, . . | 6 13 | |
| Joseph Battles, " . . . . | 14 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, " . . | 19 25 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, teaming, . . . . | 16 00 | |
| Moses Sargent " . . | 3 50 | |
| Thomas Roche, sharpening drills, . . | 7 87 | |
| F. H. Barrett, " " . | 98 | |
| C. A. Gross, rend-rock, etc., . . | 9 94 | |
| John N. Cook, labor, . . . . | 3 50 | |
| | | $100 42 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . | | 150 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . | | 49 58 |

## *Fire Department.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Studley, steward, . . . | $ 30 00 | |
| " " labor on wood, . | 1 00 | |
| Samuel Kneeland, Jr., refreshments, 1877, | 3 00 | |
| James S. Beal, " " | 10 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, " | 10 47 | |
| E. E. Ellms, " | 4 00 | |
| Thomas Beals, straps, etc., . . . | 18 70 | |
| Forty-one Fireman poll-taxes, . . | 82 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . | 3 75 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " . . . | 2 25 | |
| Samuel Bates, oil, etc., . . . | 7 06 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, . . . | 2 60 | |
| Boston Belting Co., hose, . . . | 120 00 | |
| Braman Dow & Co., iron brakes, . | 5 22 | |
| Thomas A. Bates, watching fire. . . | 2 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . | 2 00 | |
| Willlam Apts, " . . | 2 00 | |
| James Apts, " . | 2 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, " . . | 2 00 | |
| Arthur S. Bates, " . | 2 00 | |
| Foster Litchfield, " . . | 2 00 | |
| Benj. H. Crane, " . | 2 00 | |
| Lorenzo Curtis, " . . | 2 00 | |
| William W. Bates, " . | 2 00 | |
| Charles L. Kettrell, " . . | 3 00 | |
| William A. Tate, " . | 2 00 | |
| John E. Groce, " . . | 5 00 | |
| David B. Lincoln, " . | 3 00 | |
| Hunneman & Co., packing and repairs, . | 42 20 | |
| C. F. Tilden, wooden brakes, etc., . | 8 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., wood, . . . | 1 37 | |
| Beals' Express, expressing, . . | 14 50 | |
| T. M. Smith, horses to fires, . . . | 6 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . | 3 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, expenses, . . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $413 12 |

### *Printing.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William F. Brown & Co., Reports, . | $181 14 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, printing Notices, | 39 75 | |
| | | $220 89 |

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| Amount paid for Fire Department and Printing, . . | $634 01 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 400 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, . . . . . | 234 01 |

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### *State Aid under the Law of 1867.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . . | $68 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, . . . . . | 72 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . . | 36 00 | |
| Philip D. Minot, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| | | $320 00 |

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### *State Aid under the Law of 1878.*

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|---|---|---|
| Paid William F. Pike, . . . . . | $15 00 | |
| Joseph Munnies, . . . . . | 39 00 | |
| Charles R. Hayes, . . . . . | 24 00 | |
| Leander W. Groce, . . . . . | 17 50 | |
| Henry Ainslie, . . . . . | 16 50 | |
| Stephen P. Lincoln, . . . . . | 16 50 | |
| George Arnold, . . . . . | 15 00 | |
| Isaac Phinney, . . . . . | 12 50 | |
| Levi L. Minot, . . . . . | 12 50 | |
| Isaac H. Tower, . . . . . | 14 50 | |
| John G. Hayden, . . . . . | 14 00 | |
| Lawrence McGough, . . . . | 11 50 | |
| James Rooney, Jr., . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Peter Ainslie, . . . . . | 11 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | | $241.50 |

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| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . . | $241.50 | |
| Paid J. Foster Doane, . . . . . | 7 50 | |
| Andrew J. Studley, . . . . . | 9 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, . . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, . . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Alonzo L. Palmer, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Oliver D. Morey, . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles E. Mann, . . . . . | 2 50 | |
| Joseph Smith, . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| W. F. Thayer, . . . . . | 6 00 | |
| | | $289 50 |

## *Expenditures on School-Houses.*

### North School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles Henry, cleaning vault, . . | $ 3 00 | |
| Julia F. Henry, cleaning, . . | 10 10 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, repairs in 1877 and 1878, | 13 10 | |
| Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . . | 12 96 | |
| A. W. Hayden " . . . . . | 9 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . . | 1 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . | 7 10 | |
| | | $56 76 |

### High School-Rooms.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles Henry, cleaning vaults, . . | $ 3 00 | |
| Julia F. Henry, cleaning, . . . . | 12 50 | |
| Edmund Bates, tuning piano, . . | 4 00 | |
| E. F. & S. L. Rollins, window shades, | 21 20 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . | 10 70 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, . . . . | 44 06 | |
| A. W. Hayden, mason, . . . . | 3 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, . . | 6 62 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . | 24 30 | |
| | | $129 88 |

### Centre School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles Henry, cleaning vaults, . . | $3 00 | |
| Margaret Mulcahay, cleaning, . . | 8 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . . | | $11 00 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | $11 00 | |
| Paid Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . . | 6 48 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . . | 9 61 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, " . . . . | 4 75 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock, . | 1 00 | |
| F. J. Damon, repairs, . . . . | 1 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . . . | 9 29 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, . | 84 | |
| | | $47 47 |

King Street School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Williston, cleaning, . . . . | $ 3 75 | |
| Galen James, grading, . . . . | 19 65 | |
| Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . | 4 82 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " . . . . | 3 00 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock, . | 1 00 | |
| C. F. Tilden, repairs, . . . . | 75 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . . . | 7 75 | |
| | | $40 72 |

South School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Margaret Cronican, cleaning, . . . | $ 8 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . | 16 46 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, etc. . . . | 10 46 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., hardware . . . | 25 | |
| S. D. Tower, glazing, . . . . | 2 20 | |
| C. F. Tilden, nails, . . . . . | 10 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . . | 9 20 | |
| John Burbank, labor, grading, . . . | 2 00 | |
| John Howard, " " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Alms-house men and teams, grading, . | 14 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, teaming, . . . . | 1 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, . | 9 92 | |
| | | $88 59 |
| Deduct for Alms-house men and teams, . . | | $14 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . . | | $74 59 |

### Harbor School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. T. Prouty, broom and crayons, . . | $ 70 | |
| Catherine Gardner, cleaning, . . | 5 60 | |
| Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . | 9 98 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " . . . . . | 3 75 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . | 5 37 | |
| D. W. Pratt, glazing, . . . . . | 50 | |
| C. F. Nichols, broom, . . . . | 40 | |
| | —— | $26 30 |

### Jerusalem School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Louisa Beal, cleaning, . . . . . | $4 50 | |
| Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . | 9 98 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " . . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . | 2 58 | |
| D. O. Wade, repairs, . . . . . | 7 06 | |
| Charles Knapp, glazing, . . . . | 1 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, teaming, . . . . . | 1 00 | |
| | —— | $32 12 |

### Beechwood School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . | $19 96 | |
| A. W. Hayden, " . . . . | 10 75 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, . . . . . | 2 62 | |
| C. H. Wood, water, . . . . . | 1 00 | |
| S. J. Bates, cleaning, . . . . . | 8 00 | |
| H. L. Brown, broom, etc. . . . . | 1 49 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . | 9 30 | |
| T. M. Smith, teaming, . . . . | 1 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, . . | 3 00 | |
| | —— | $57 12 |

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| Amount expended on School-Houses, . . . . | $463 96 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | 400 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, . . . . . | $63 96 |

## *Roads and Bridges,*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel N. Thayer, Pleasant street, . . | $ 2 00 | |
| Patrick Cronican, " " . | 2 00 | |
| Nath'l R. Prouty, " " . | 2 00 | |
| Vinal & Martin, removing ledge, Pond St., | 35 00 | |
| E. M. Couillard, labor, " " | 1 50 | |
| Alms-house man and teams, " " | 3 50 | |
| Frank Martin, labor, Border street, . | 3 00 | |
| J. H. Morgan & others, railing, Beechwood St., | 33 84 | |
| " " " " | 13 54 | |
| Lawrence McClough, labor, " " | 12 63 | |
| John J. A. Pratt, " " " | 5 83 | |
| Francisco Frates, " " " | 5 25 | |
| Thomas A Bates, " " " | 8 00 | |
| " " " on bridge, " | 7 50 | |
| C. F. Tilden, staples, etc., " | 7 95 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, mowing bushes, " | 6 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, " | 28 59 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, labor, Mill bridge, . . | 6 00 | |
| Michael Brennock, " " . . | 4 00 | |
| Joseph Battles, " " . . | 2 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, " " . . | 25 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., & Bro., lumber, Mill bridge, | 34 93 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, labor, Margin St., . . | 1 00 | |
| James E. Brennock, " " . | 1 25 | |
| Z. Rich " " . . | 1 00 | |
| Battles & Cousens, " " . | 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, Margin st., | 4 22 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting sign-boards, . . | 7 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor & stock, sign-boards, | 17 07 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., posts for sign-boards, | 1 80 | |
| John H. Morgan, labor on highways, 1876, | 1 50 | |
| Henry Tolman, watering streets, . . . | 200 00 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, extra repairs, B street, . | 25 00 | |
| Ira B. Pratt and others, extra repairs, Doane street, . . . . . | 20 00 | |
| C. F. Tilden, sharpening drills and picks, | 7 50 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, repairing fence, J. Road, | 75 | |
| Thomas M. Smith, repairs, Beach street, | 5 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, Beach St., | 8 13 | |
| " " " drain-pipe Pleasant St., | 2 72 | |
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $531 25 |

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| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . . | $531 25 | |
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., lumber, King street, | 2 20 | |
| " " " Jerusalem Road, | 19 66 | |
| " " drain-pipe, So. Main st., | 19 43 | |
| Bela Joy and others, labor, So. Main street, | 11 94 | |
| I. C. Vinal and others, labor, Atlantic Ave., | 5 00 | |
| | | $589 48 |
| Deduct for Alms-house man and teams, . . | | $3 50 |
| Amount drawn from the Treasury, . . | | $585 98 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 500 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, . . . | | $85 98 |

SPECIAL REPAIRS, PLEASANT STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John Burbank, labor, . . . . . | $15 00 | |
| Thomas Mulcahay, labor, . . . . | 22 50 | |
| Patrich Mulcahay, labor, . . . . | 16 50 | |
| Samuel N. Thayer, labor, . , . | 21 00 | |
| Azel W. Drake, labor, . . . . . | 9 00 | |
| Amos C. Locke, stone, . . . | 2 00 | |
| Michael McSweeney, stone, . . . . | 1 00 | |
| Patrick Downs, gravel, . . . . | 1 20 | |
| William St. John, gravel, . . . . | 11 00 | |
| Thomas Mulvey, use of wagon, . . | 50 | |
| C. A. Gross, rendrock and fuse, . . | 4 30 | |
| F. J. Damon, sharpening drills, . . | 6 85 | |
| Alms-house, man and teams, . . . . | 106 50 | |
| | | $217 35 |
| Deduct for Alms-house, man and teams, . . | | 106 50 |
| Amount drawn from the treasury, . . . | | $110 85 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Amount expended over appropriation, . . . | | 17 35 |

SPECIAL REPAIRS, KING STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John McCormick, labor, . . . . | $10 50 | |
| E. M. Couillard, labor and posts, . . | 23 55 | |
| R. T. Burbank, labor, . . . . . | 1 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . . | | $35 55 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | $35 55 | |
| Paid John Burbank, labor, . . . . | 13 50 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, labor, . . . . | 14 25 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor, . . . | 11 25 | |
| Timothy L. Burdank, drag, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Samuel G. James, posts, . . . . | 2 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, rendrock and fuse, . . . | 3 78 | |
| Alms-house, men and teams, . . . | 111 00 | |
| | | $194 33 |
| Deduct for Alms-house, men and teams, . . . . . | | 111 00 |
| Amount drawn from the Treasury, . . . . . | | $83 33 |
| Amount appropriated in 1877, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Amount expended, . . . . . | | 194 33 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | $5 67 |

SPECIAL REPAIRS, BEECHWOOD STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Lawrence McGeough, as per contract, . | $120 00 | |
| Lawrence McGeough, extra grading, | 50 00 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, labor, . . . . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $175 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Amount unexpected, . . . . . | | 25 00 |

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## *Repairs on Highways.*

THOMAS M. SMITH, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas M. Smith, men and teams, . | $171 75 | |
| Lorenzo Bates, labor, . . . . | 25 75 | |
| John L. Morey, labor, . . . . . | 10 50 | |
| Patrick Healy, labor, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| John Donovan, labor, . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Ezra Towle, " . . . . . | 13 50 | |
| Charles Williston, labor, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Thomas Mulcahay, labor, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Michael Sweeney, labor, . . . . | 50 | |
| Thomas Ready, labor, . . . . | 4 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | | $274 50 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $274 50 | |
| Paid Charlotte C. Smith, labor, . . . | 22 00 | |
| Stephen T. Sherman, labor, . . | 5 50 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, labor, . . . | 5 00 | |
| F. L. Lincoln, labor, . . . . | 2 50 | |
| Samuel Nichols, labor, . . . . | 9 75 | |
| A. H. Prouty, labor, . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Nathaniel R. Treat, labor, . . . | 2 50 | |
| George M. Ennice, labor, . . . . | 16 50 | |
| Patrick Mulcahay, . . . . | 1 25 | |
| Thomas Loney, labor, . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Charles H. Smith, labor, . . . | 6 50 | |
| John Barnes, labor, . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Joseph Smith, labor, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, rendrock, . . . . | 1 00 | |
| David Cushing, Posts and rails, . . | 15 00 | |
| | | $375 00 |

WARREN BATES, 2d, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Warren Bates, 2d, man and team, . . | $85 47 | |
| Richard Wells, labor " . . | 14 75 | |
| Richard Wells, gravel, . . . . | 23 85 | |
| Charles E. Nott, labor and team, . | 12 25 | |
| Luke O'Riley, " " . . | 27 00 | |
| Alms-house, man and team, . . . | 41 25 | |
| Thomas Bates, labor and team, . . | 19 25 | |
| Charles C. Smith, labor and team, . | 10 50 | |
| Michael O'Connell, labor, . . . | 28 50 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor, . . | 5 25 | |
| John Francis, labor, . . . . | 22 50 | |
| B. F. Morse, labor, . . . . | 5 25 | |
| Thomas Ready, labor, . . . . | 5 25 | |
| D. W. Ready, labor, . . . . | 5 25 | |
| Clinton A. Martin, labor, . . . . | 5 25 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, and others, labor, . | 20 00 | |
| William Cronican, labor, . . . | 3 00 | |
| Galen James, labor, . . . . | 11 25 | |
| Daniel Sullivan, labor, . . . . | 19 50 | |
| C. A. Cross, rendrock, . . . | 7 08 | |
| Thomas Roche, sharpening drills, . . | 2 60 | |
| | | $375 00 |

### Ira B. Pratt, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ira B. Pratt, labor and team, . . | $113 75 | |
| George Ainslie, labor, . . . . . | 4 50 | |
| George W. Ainslie, labor, . . . | 7 50 | |
| James Apts, labor, . . . . . | 3 75 | |
| Williams Apts, labor, . . . | 4 50 | |
| Cyrus W. Bates, labor, . . . . . | 9 75 | |
| William W. Bates, labor and team, . | 8 00 | |
| Oliver H. Bates, labor and team, . . | 8 00 | |
| Henry L. Bates, labor, . . . | 26 25 | |
| Warren Bates, labor and team, . . | 10 50 | |
| Edwin Bates, " " . . | 13 00 | |
| Ezra Brown, " " . . | 3 00 | |
| Orlando Curtis, labor, . . . . | 2 25 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, labor, . . . . . | 1 50 | |
| J. W. Litchfield, labor, . . . | 5 75 | |
| W. E. Litchfield, labor, . . . . | 2 00 | |
| Aaron Pratt, labor and team, . | 7 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " " . . | 14 00 | |
| Frank Stoddard, " " . | 17 25 | |
| Wm. T. Whitcomb, " " . . | 13 65 | |
| David W. Whitcomb, " . . . | 7 50 | |
| Joseph Whitcomb, " . . . . | 7 65 | |
| Thomas C. Whitcomb, labor and team, | 4 50 | |
| Thomas Williams, " . . . . | 17 25 | |
| Lawrence McGrough, labor and team, . | 3 25 | |
| Howard Pratt, " " . . | 2 67 | |
| C. A. Gross, rendrock, &c., . . | 6 28 | |
| | | $325 00 |

### Israel C. Vinal, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Israel C. Vinal, labor, . . . . | $38 61 | |
| Lot Willcutt, " . . | 28 00 | |
| Geo. W. Cousens, " . . . . | 29 75 | |
| Michael Brennock, " . . | 75 | |
| George Brennock, " . . . . | 7 50 | |
| William J. Brennock, " . . | 8 62 | |
| John Barnes, " . . . . | 3 50 | |
| Eben. James, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Albert H. Burdick, " . . . . | 6 75 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | | $128 73 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* | $128 73 | | |
| Paid Michael Sweeney, labor, | 10 33 | | |
| John Howard, " | 23 00 | | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, " | 15 00 | | |
| Frank Antone, " | 4 50 | | |
| Thomas Gracie, " | 2 25 | | |
| John G. Hayden, " | 1 50 | | |
| Thomas Smith, gravel and team, | 33 72 | | |
| E. E. Ellms, team, | 14 00 | | |
| Alms-house, man and team, | 45 00 | | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " | 15 87 | | |
| Thomas Loney, team, | 8 00 | | |
| C. F. Tilden, sharpening drills, | 60 | | |
| William St. John, gravel, | 35 00 | | |
| A. H. Tower, gravel and scow, | 20 00 | | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., gravel, | 17 50 | | |
| | | | $375 00 |

BELA JOY, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Bela Joy, labor and team, | $82 69 | |
| L. L. Wheelwright, labor and team, | 22 50 | |
| Anthoney Anderson, " | 16 25 | |
| John Anderson, " | 7 75 | |
| C. James Nichols, " | 23 25 | |
| Frank H. Pratt, " | 5 75 | |
| Joseph Munnies, " | 19 50 | |
| Antone Frates, " | 2 75 | |
| Samuel Jones, " | 26 62 | |
| Alfred Gardner, " | 3 00 | |
| Geo. M. Cousens, " | 7 50 | |
| Horace Hancock, " | 1 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, " | 29 69 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, " | 26 25 | |
| M. B. Stetson, " | 7 00 | |
| Thomas Smith, " | 7 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " | 22 75 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " | 22 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, gravel and scow, | 14 00 | |
| William St. John, " | 24 50 | |
| Ezekiel Bates, " | 1 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, rendrock and fuse, | 1 50 | |
| | | $375 00 |

THOMAS A. BATES, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas A. Bates, labor and team, . | $128 48 | |
| George C. Lincoln, " " . | 33 00 | |
| Henry T. Lincoln, " " . . | 23 50 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, " " . | 39 75 | |
| E. M. Couillard, " " . . | 22 25 | |
| Timothy W. Brown, " " . | 3 50 | |
| Richard Wells, " " . . | 6 50 | |
| Arthur S. Bates, " . . . | 19 50 | |
| Moses Pratt, " . . . | 23 25 | |
| Levi Lincoln, " . . . | 6 00 | |
| Walter Merritt, " . . . | 2 00 | |
| Joseph Gracie, " . . . | 6 75 | |
| C. A. Gross, rendrock and fuse, . . | 8 42 | |
| H. A. Seaverns, " . . | 2 10 | |
| | | $325 00 |

JAMES PETTEE, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and team, . . | $66 43 | |
| Richard Wells, " " and gravel, | 37 37 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . . | 35 00 | |
| Michael McDermott, labor & team, . | 45 50 | |
| William Copeland, " " . . | 44 00 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . . | 25 75 | |
| C. L. Kettrell, " . . . | 24 75 | |
| Thomas Ready, " . . . | 21 00 | |
| F. McDermott, " . . . | 4 50 | |
| Phillip Gillis, " . . . | 6 00 | |
| Washington Brown, gravel, . . . | 18 50 | |
| A. W. Beal, gravel and team, . . | 12 00 | |
| Hannah Barnes, gravel, . . . | 4 00 | |
| T. H. Barrett, smithing, . . . | 20 | |
| | | $345 00 |

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| Amount appropriated for Highways, . . . | $2500 00 |
| " expended, . . . . . | 2495 00 |
| Deduct for Alms-house man and team, . . | 86 25 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . | 2408 75 |

### *Expenditures on Town Hall.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Insurance for Carpenter's risk, . . | $ 22 88 | |
| Tilden & Rich, as per contract, . | 1375 00 | |
| " " extra, . . . . . | 20 75 | |
| Michael Sweeney, grading, . . | 2 25 | |
| Geo. W. Cousens, " . . . | 5 25 | |
| E. A. P. Newcomb, plan, . . | 30 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, lamps, stoves, etc., . | 68 37 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., wood, . . | 5 50 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, . . . | 26 36 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, book-cases, etc., . | 82 14 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, cleaning, . . | 4 50 | |
| Samuel N. Lincoln, cleaning and wood, | 9 75 | |
| | | $1652 75 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $1200 00 |
| " expended over appropriation, . . | | 452 75 |

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### *Melzar G., and Sarah Groce.*

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES BY FLOWING STRAIT'S POND.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. G., and S. Groce, damages awarded, | $ 1 00 | |
| Hollingsworth, Stearns & Mott, referees, | 100 00 | |
| Hillard, Hyde & Dickinson, costs, . | 54 26 | |
| " " " counsel fees, | 75 00 | |
| T. M. Smith, horse hire, . . . | 6 75 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, witness fees, . . | 1 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, | 23 35 | |
| | | $261 86 |

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### *Abatements.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1873, . . . . . | $128 22 | |
| " " " 1874, . . . . . | 133 13 | |
| " " " 1875, . . . . . | 172 72 | |
| " " " 1876, . . . . . | 191 30 | |
| " " " 1877, . . . . . | 141 34 | |
| " " " 1878, . . . . . | 356 71 | |
| | | $1123 42 |

### *School Appropriation.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treasurer School Committee, . | $5,000 00 |

School Books.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid E. E. Ellms, . . . . . | $71 54 |

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### *State and County Tax.*

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|---|---|---|
| Paid State tax, . . . . . | $1280 00 | |
| County tax, . . . . . | 1897 21 | |
| | | $3177 21 |

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### *Town Officers.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, Supt. of Schools, . . | $200 00 | |
| Levi N. Bates, Treas. School Committee, | 25 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | 185 00 | |
| Philander Bates, services as Selectman and Assessor, . . . . . | 125 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, services as Selectman and Assessor, . . . . | 125 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., services as Treasurer and Collector, . . . . | 200 00 | |
| N. B. Tower, services as Clerk, . | 30 00 | |
| Allen C. Bates, " as Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| John E. Groce, services as Constable, | 25 00 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " " | 12 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, " " | 7 00 | |
| E. E. Wentworth " " | 15 00 | |
| Joseph St. John, " " | 5 00 | |
| Isaac W. Beal, " " | 15 00 | |
| | | $1019 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 1000 00 |
| " paid over appropriation, . . . | | 19 00 |

## *Miscellaneous.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Solomon J. Hayden, distributing Reports, | $ 5 00 | |
| Jonathan Cobb, recording By-Laws, . . | 1 00 | |
| Caleb Lothrop, copying Records, . . | 12 00 | |
| Quincy Bicknell, services, Beals' case 1877, | 22 93 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of 114 tramps, . | 70 70 | |
| " " posting warrants, . . | 2 00 | |
| " " truant officer, . . | 12 00 | |
| " " care of Hall, election, . | 6 00 | |
| " " com'r on taxes abated, | 53 53 | |
| Alson S. Richardson, truant officer, 1877, | 5 00 | |
| J. H. Burdakin, register of deeds, . . | 21 28 | |
| Daniel J. Fair, searching records, . | 4 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, funnel, etc., lockup, . . | 7 57 | |
| " " repairs, pump, . . | 2 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, postage and stationery, . | 20 86 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, night-watch, . . | 2 00 | |
| Z. Rich, " " . . . | 2 00 | |
| " return of deaths, . . . | 8 50 | |
| Beals's Express, expressing, . . . | 8 80 | |
| J. Foster Doane, services at lockup, . | 2 00 | |
| I. C. Vinal, care of criminals, lockup, . | 3 00 | |
| " " posting warrants, . . | 2 00 | |
| " " trimming trees, . . | 2 00 | |
| " " care of 90 tramps, . | 45 00 | |
| John E. Groce, services under dog-law, . | 7 00 | |
| " " night watch, . . | 8 00 | |
| C. L. Kettrell, labor on pump, . . | 4 00 | |
| D. S. G. Doane, gravel, Atlantic Ave., 1872, | 13 24 | |
| Thomas Smith, " 1877, . . | 75 | |
| C. F. Tilden, repairs on hearse, . . | 1 00 | |
| F. J. Damon, " " . . | 6 50 | |
| D. W. Pratt, repairs on clock, . . | 22 25 | |
| Newcomb Bates, care of " . . | 25 00 | |
| " " ringing bell, . . . | 5 00 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairing pump, . | 50 | |
| Thomas M. Smith, horse hire, Sch. Com., . | 40 00 | |
| " " Beals's case, . . | 2 75 | |
| John Barnes, labor at Cemetery, . . | 6 00 | |
| N. B. Tower, recording births, deaths, etc., | 36 95 | |
| Moses Sargent, entertainment Assessors, . | 4 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $504 61 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . | $504 61 | |
| Paid John H. Morgan, truant officer, . . | 15 00 | |
| Boston Journal, advertising, . . . | 8 75 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses on State Aid and lawsuits, . . . | 26 00 | |
| | | $554 36 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 700 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | 145 64 |
| Amount paid for interest and discount, . . | | $2,533 24 |
| " received for interest on deposits, . . . | | 113 93 |
| | | $2,419 31 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 2500 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | 80 69 |

## RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Removing Snow, . . . . . | $167 14 |
| Special Repairs, Jerusalem Road, . . . . . | 100 42 |
| Fire Department and Printing, . . . . . | 634 01 |
| State Aid under the law of 1867, . . . . | 320 00 |
| " " " 1878, . . . . . | 289 50 |
| Expenditures on School Houses, . . . . . | 463 96 |
| Roads and Bridges, . . . . . | 585 98 |
| Special Repairs, Pleasant street, . . . . . | 110 85 |
| " " King street, . . . . . | 83 33 |
| " " Beechwood street, . . . . . | 175 00 |
| Repairs on Highways, . . . . . | 2,408 75 |
| Expenditures on Town Hall, . . . . . | 1,652 75 |
| Damage and expense in Groce case, . . . . | 261 86 |
| Abatement of Taxes, . . . . . | 1,123 42 |
| School Appropriation . . . . . | 5,000 00 |
| School Books, . . . . . | 71 54 |
| State and County Tax, . . . . . | 3,177 21 |
| Town Officers, . . . . . | 1,019 00 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 554 36 |
| Interest and Discount, . . . . . | 2,533 24 |
| Orders to Overseers of the Poor, . . . . . | 5,708 49 |
| | $26,440 81 |

## *Financial Condition of the Town,*

FEBRUARY 1, 1879.

FUNDED DEBT, (ISSUE OF APRIL 1, 1863,) AS FOLLOWS:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohassett Savings Bank, two Notes due 1879, 1880, | | $2,000 00 |

ISSUE OF MAY 1, 1876.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Zenas D. Lincoln, Note due 1881, . . | $1,000 00 | |
| Charles Pratt, " " 1882, . | 1,000 00 | |
| Abraham H. Tower, " " 1883, . | 1,000 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, seven Notes due 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, . | 7,000 00 | |
| | | $10,000 00 |

ISSUE OF APRIL 15, 1878.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hingham National Bank, Note due 1879, | $1,000 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, " " 1880, | 600 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " " " | 200 00 | |
| David W. Whitcomb, " " " | 200 00 | |
| Howard Pratt, two " " 1881, | 1,000 00 | |
| Franklin J. Damon, " " 1882, | 1,000 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " " 1883, | 500 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " " | 300 00 | |
| Alfred Whittington, " " " | 200 00 | |
| James Wilson, " " 1884, | 1,000 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, " " 1885, | 1,000 00 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, " " 1886, | 500 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, " " " | 500 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, " " 1887, | 1,000 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, three Notes, 1888, '89, '90, | 3,000 00 | |
| | | $12,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Note, . | $500 00 | |
| Martha F. Bates, Note, . . . | 1,600 00 | |
| Nancy S. Whitcomb, Note, . . . | 250 00 | |
| | | $2,350 00 |
| Amount of Interest-bearing Debt, . . . . | | $26,350 00 |

### *Assets of the Town.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from State for State Aid, | $638 50 |
| " " paupers, | 134 07 |
| Town of Hull, support of paupers, | 303 00 |
| " So. Scituate, support of paupers, | 51 42 |
| " Scituate, | 111 99 |
| " Randolph, | 39 00 |
| " Braintree, | 9 50 |
| John J. Lothrop, support of son, | 503 27 |
| James Dady, support of wife, | 426 12 |
| Mary J. Enos, | 227 00 |
| Sarah C. Koop, | 136 50 |
| Mary L. Mendoca, | 68 55 |
| Thomas Sheridan, | 17 55 |
| Balance in Treasury, | 3,432 25 |
| | $6,098 72 |

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|---|---|
| Amount of actual Debt, | $20,251 28 |
| Decrease of interest-bearing Debt, | $1,300 00 |
| " actual Debt, | 2,317 28 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor,

For the Year Ending February 1, 1879.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand, February 1st, 1878, | $1,810 05 |
| Paid Thomas Willcutt, repairs in 1877, | 3 75 |
| William O. Souther, salary, | 320 80 |
| William O. Souther, sundry bills paid, | 54 32 |
| Nancy Nichols, labor to February 21st, 1879, | 110 00 |
| Patrick Bergan, labor, | 196 00 |
| Oliver H. Bates, vegetables, 1877, | 2 60 |
| Franklin Stoddard, beef, &c., | 14 59 |
| Ezra Brown, grain and groceries, | 29 41 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., grain and groceries, | 127 14 |
| Howard Pratt, " " " | 43 31 |
| C. A. Gross, " " " | 135 97 |
| H. A. Tilden, " " " | 48 17 |
| C. F. Nichols, groceries, | 64 84 |
| C. H. Willard, " | 9 75 |
| S. P. Stoddard, " | 71 49 |
| James H. Nichols, " | 101 26 |
| H. L. Brown, " | 93 09 |
| H. L. Brown, cow, | 45 00 |
| Thomas Beals, repairing harnesses, | 2 75 |
| Samuel Bates, tinware, | 44 88 |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, | 11 32 |
| Emeline Hunt, reclining chair, | 25 00 |
| R. T. Bunbank, repairing sled, | 2 60 |
| R. T. Burbank, making cider, | 2 60 |
| Lewis Willcutt, repairs, | 10 00 |
| Philander Bates, boots and shoes, | 12 80 |
| Beal's Express, expressing, | 10 40 |
| Z. Rich, burial of L. D. Whitcomb, | 20 00 |
| Z. Rich, burial of Job Wheelwright, | 24 00 |
| W. F. Thayer, beef, | 51 00 |
| Bourn & Nickerson, beef, | 170 94 |
| James St. John, tailoring, | 6 30 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $3676 13 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $3,676 13 |
| John Souther, cobbling, | 22 78 |
| C. R. Keene, trees, | 5 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, pigs, | 8 00 |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairing wagon, | 4 25 |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., watching with Whitcomb, | 10 00 |
| Thomas Roche, blacksmithing, | 4 42 |
| C. F. Tilden, " | 31 35 |
| F. J. Damon, " | 28 00 |
| Daniel W. Taylor, fish, | 32 86 |
| A. W. Hayden, whitewashing, | 12 80 |
| Henry Collier, casks, | 3 40 |
| Caleb Lincoln, ploughing, | 6 75 |
| David B. Tower, groceries, | 4 81 |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal and lumber, | 75 02 |
| Thomas M. Smith, teaming, | 3 00 |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 30 00 |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, | 13 89 |
| Overseer's services, | 65 00 |
| | $4,037 46 |

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## Stock at Almthouse, February 1, 1879.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 Turkeys, | $15 00 | Drills, hammers, &c., | 30 00 |
| 44 Hens, | 22 00 | Carpenter's tools, | 4 50 |
| 2 Pigs, | 12 00 | Saws, axes and hacthets, | 6 00 |
| 2 2 years old, | 50 00 | Grindstone, | 1 00 |
| 1 Cow, | 45 00 | Farming tools, | 30 00 |
| 2 Horses, | 225 00 | Lumber, | 10 00 |
| 2 Horse carts, | 100 00 | Drag, | 2 00 |
| 1 Express wagon, | 75 00 | Casks and barrels, | 15 00 |
| 1 Farm " | 75 00 | Household furniture, | 325 00 |
| 1 Hay " | 10 00 | Wooden ware, | 25 00 |
| 1 Wheelbarrow, | 6 00 | Cutlery, spoons, &c., | 11 00 |
| 1 Sled, | 5 00 | Crockery, glass ware, &c., | 26 00 |
| 1 Harrow, | 12 00 | Tin, earthen & stone ware, | 35 00 |
| 3 Ploughs, | 12 00 | Stoves and fixtures, | 60 00 |
| 2 Cart harnesses, | 30 00 | 400 lbs. salt pork, | 30 00 |
| 1 Wagon harness, | 18 00 | 100 " hams, | 10 00 |
| 1 Lead " | 12 00 | 75 " lard, | 7 50 |
| 2 Robes, | 2 00 | 60 " butter, | 15 00 |
| Chains, &c., | 10 00 | 200 " salt beef, | 20 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 140 lbs. fresh beef, | $18 75 | Cabbages, | $1 50 |
| Groceries, | 30 00 | Grain and bags, | 6 50 |
| 1⅓ bbl. flour, | 10 00 | Paint, oil and brushes, | 5 00 |
| ½ " mackerel, | 4 00 | 8 tons English hay, | 128 00 |
| ½ bushel white beans, | 1 00 | 1½ tons salt " | 15 00 |
| 8 bbls. apples, | 8 00 | Lot of manure, | 65 00 |
| 125 gallons vinegar, | 31 25 | 6½ cords hard wood, | 39 00 |
| 48 bushels potatoes, | 48 00 | 1½ " pine " | 7 50 |
| 8 " beets, | 4 00 | 4 " trash " | 12 00 |
| 25 " carrots, | 12 50 | 1 ton coal, | 6 50 |
| 20 " turnips, | 10 00 | | |
| 1½ tons mangolds, | 15 00 | | $1,877 50 |

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## Almshouse Account of Sales and Labor.

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|---|---|---|
| By Town of Hull, board of paupers, . . . . | | $252 00 |
| " " extra for Whitcomb, . . | | 51 00 |
| Milk and Potatoes sold, . . . . . | | 38 68 |
| Bourn & Nickerson, calves, . . . . . | | 14 90 |
| Excavators and forge sold, . . . . . | | 25 50 |
| Rent of David Vinal's house, . . . . . | | 21 00 |
| Labor removing snow, . . . . . | | 7 00 |
| " on highways, . . . . . | | 321 25 |
| J. W. Robinson, cash, . . . . . | | 2 00 |
| Use of tools on highways, . . . . . | | 10 00 |
| Team for Assessor and Selectmen, . . . . | | 11 25 |
| | | $754 58 |
| Amount of stock on hand, . . . . | $1,877 50 | |
| " " sales and labor, . . | 754 58 | |
| | $2,632 08 | |
| Debit brought forward, . . . . | | $4,037 46 |
| Credit " " . . . . . | | 2,632 08 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, . . . . . | | $1,405 38 |

Expense of inmates at Almshouse, 540½ weeks at 2.60+ per week, amounts to . . . . $1,405 38

## SUPPORT AND RELIEF OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE,

### For the Year Ending February 1, 1879.

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#### Assistance to Robert Williams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph W. Litchfield, board & nursing, | $101 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance . | 20 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, . . . . | 19 50 | |
| | | $140 50 |

#### Assistance to Sarah C. Koop.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasury, . . . . . | 96 00 | |
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . | 14 50 | |
| | | $110 50 |
| Paid Z. Rich, burial of John C. Koop, . . . | | $26 00 |

#### Assistance to Mary J. Enos and Husband.

| | |
|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasury, . . . . . | $144 00 |

#### Assistance to Mary Hall, of Randolph.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John Hall, board, . . . . . | $8 00 | |
| D. W. Whitcomb, digging grave, . | 3 00 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses, . . . . | 20 00 | |
| | | $31 00 |

#### Assistance to William F. Harris and Family.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Town of Westford, . . . . . | $36 70 |

#### Assistance to Harriet J. Apts.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Daniel J. Bates, groceries, . . . . . | $3 00 |

#### Assistance to Myra Gardner, of Hingham.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Ephraim Battles, board, . . . . . | $57 00 |

#### Assistance to Mary Mendoca.

| | |
|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasury, . . . . . | 18 00 |

### Assistance to John R. Colbrith.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Phillip Fox, and others, watching, | $33 25 | |
| C. F. Nichols, groceries, | 5 00 | |
| P. Bates, shoes, | 1 80 | |
| T. M. Smith, carriage, | 1 50 | |
| | | $41 55 |

### Assistance to Manuel and Isabella Silva, of Scituate.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ezra Brown, groceries, | $17 60 | |
| Howard Pratt, " | 31 64 | |
| Silas Bates, milk, | 3 00 | |
| Bourn & Nickerson, beef, | 7 00 | |
| | | $59 24 |

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|---|---|
| Paid Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester, for Elizabeth J. Dady, | $193 61 |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital for David Willcutt, | 38 10 |
| " " M. A. P. Sheridan, | 17 55 |
| " " Josephene E. Bates, | 190 75 |
| " " John J. Lothrop, Jr., | 206 48 |
| " " William Kilburn, | 195 83 |
| " " William Taylor, | 225 71 |
| " " Lot Willcutt, | 47 83 |
| George W. White, Jr., for Lot Willcutt, | 11 20 |
| | $1,127 06 |

### Assistance to Antoine F. Bandura.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid L. W. Bates, rent of house, | $10 00 | |
| Howard Pratt, groceries, | 18 72 | |
| Z. Rich, burial of child, | 11 50 | |
| | | $40 22 |

### Assistance to Edward H. Arnold and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries, | $4 17 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., groceries, | 18 85 | |
| | | $23 02 |

### Assistance to Frank Pearson and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. F. Nichold, groceries, | $75 43 | |
| A. T. Prouty, flour, | 16 37 | |
| | | $91 80 |

### Assistance to William Hayden and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. F. Nichols, groceries, . . . | $0 93 | |
| A. T. Prouty, " . . | 14 90 | |
| Bourn & Nickerson, meats, . . | 22 73 | |
| | | $38 56 |

### Assistance to Frederic Bates.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Francesco Frates, board, . . . . . | | $28 00 |

### Assistance to Oliver Henderson.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid City of Newburyport, . . . | $60 48 | |
| David Foss, medical attendance, . | 12 75 | |
| Orders on the Treasury, . . . | 24 00 | |
| | | $97 23 |

### Assistance to Deborah Killburn.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . | $138 56 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . | 7 00 | |
| | | $145 56 |

### Assistance to John Ney and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Howard Pratt, groceries, . . . . . | | $16 60 |

### Assistance to Manuel Silva and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., flour and coal, . | | $10 50 |

### Assistance to Hannah L. Stoddard, South Scituate.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Howard Pratt, groceries, . . | $49 80 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 20 00 | |
| Nellie Nott, nursing, . . . . | 2 00 | |
| | | $71 80 |

### Assistance to John Tyrer and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. A. Gross, groceries, . . . . | $87 29 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 35 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, . . . | 15 65 | |
| | | $137 94 |

### Assistance to Susan Meeker.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Edwin Bates, wood, . . . . | $6 25 | |
| H. L. Brown, " and groceries, | 3 23 | |
| | | $9 48 |

### Assistance to Frank Silva and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Scituate, supplies, | $60 22 | |
| Bourn & Nickerson, meat, | 10 25 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 20 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, | 10 60 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, digging grave, | 3 00 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses, | 20 00 | |
| | | $124 07 |

### Assistance to Julia F. Henry and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Philander Bates, shoes, | $9 93 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., supplies, | 64 25 | |
| | | $74 18 |

### Assistance to Isaac H. Tower and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Philander Bates, shoes, | $5 45 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 8 00 | |
| | | $13 45 |

### Assistance to William F. Pike and Family, Chelsea.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James H. Nichols, groceries, | $9 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., wood and coal, | 5 00 | |
| P. Bates, shoes, | 1 90 | |
| | | $16 40 |

### Assistance to John McCormick and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, | $7 97 | |
| H. A. Tilden, groceries, | 10 00 | |
| Bourn & Nickerson, beef, | 1 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, | 6 50 | |
| P. Bates, shoes, | 1 15 | |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, | 26 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine, | 11 52 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses, | 20 00 | |
| | | $84 89 |

### Assistance to William H. Litchfield and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Scituate, supplies, | $155 45 | |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., clothing, | 13 37 | |
| Z. Rich, burying child, | 3 00 | |
| | | $171 82 |

### Assistance to Hannah Wheelwright.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid L. L. Wheelwright, board, . . . . | | $21 00 |

### Assistance to Addie Bogues and Children.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid H. L. Brown, wood and groceries, . . | | $14 00 |
| Paid City of Boston for Mary Kent and Children, . . . . . | $131 75 | |
| City of Boston for Elizabeth J. Nichols, | 36 00 | |
| " " Eunice Sterling, . | 64 13 | |
| " " Jane O'Conner, . | 3 37 | |
| " " Henry Powers, . | 2 00 | |
| | | $237 25 |

### Assistance to Manuel Joseph and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert A. Tilden, groceries, . . | $28 94 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . | 5 00 | |
| Waldo C. Lock, preparing body for burial, . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Z. Rich, burial expenses, . . | 26 00 | |
| | | $62 94 |
| Paid Z. Rich, burial of Jerusha N. Bates, . . | | $26 00 |
| E. E. Ellms, medicine for W. H. Bates, . | | $1 20 |

### Assistance to George Taylor and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert A. Tilden, groceries, . . . | | $10 00 |

### Assistance to Frank Antone and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., flour, . . . | | $8 75 |

### Assistance to Peter Joseph and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., groceries, . . | | $8 54 |
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services & expenses, | $74 33 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . . | 15 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 12 00 | |
| | | $101 33 |

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|---|---|---|
| By amount due from John J. Lothrop, . | $206 48 | |
| " " James Dady, . | 193 61 | |
| " " Town of So. Scituate, | 71 80 | |
| " " " Scituate, . | 59 24 | |
| " " " Hingham, | 57 00 | |
| " " " Randolph, . | 31 00 | |
| " " Mary J. Enos, . | 144 00 | |
| " " Sarah C. Koop, . | 136 50 | |
| " " Thomas J. Sheridan, | 17 55 | |
| " " City of Chelsea, . | 16 40 | |
| " " Mary L. Mendoca, | 18 00 | |
| " " State for State paupers, . . | 144 07 | |
| | | $1,095 65 |
| Amount of expense at Almshouse, . . . | | $1,405 38 |
| " " outside, . . . . . | | 3,481 08 |
| | | $4,886 46 |
| Deduct outside credit, . . . . . | | 1,095 65 |
| | | $3,790 81 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 3,500 00 |
| " expended over appropriation, . . | | $290 81 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
} *Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

## ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, | $1,000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, | 1,500 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1,000 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 3,500 00 |
| Support of Schools, | 5,000 00 |
| Removing Snow, | 400 00 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 500 00 |
| Repairs on School-Houses, | 400 00 |
| Repairs on Highways, | 2,000 00 |
| Town Officers, | 1,000 00 |
| Printing, | 200 00 |
| Fire Department, | 200 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 550 00 |
| | $17,250 00 |
| Amount in Treasury available for above estimates, | 1,500 00 |
| Estimated amount to be raised, | $15,750 00 |

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1st, 1877, | $1,493,807 00 |
| " Personal Estate, May 1st, 1877, | 923,141 00 |
| | $2,416,948 00 |
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1st, 1878, | $1,517,875 00 |
| " Personal Estate, May, 1st, 1878, | 949,451 00 |
| | $2,467,326 00 |
| Increase in valuation in 1878, | $50,378 00 |
| Number of Polls, May 1st, 1878, 576. | |
| Tax on Polls and Estates, | $24,593 94 |
| Rate per cent on $1,000, $9.50. | |
| Number of Dwelling-houses, May 1st, 1878, | 519 |
| " Horses, " " | 244 |
| " Cows, " " | 207 |
| " Sheep, " " | 16 |
| " Acres of Land Taxed, May 1st, 1878, | 5,888 |

## LIST OF JURORS

As prepared by the Selectmen to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town at its Annual Town Meeting, March 3d, 1879.

Philander Bates,
Thomas A. Bates,
Adna Bates,
Loring Bates,
George Bates,
Oliver H. Bates,
William H. Beal,
Isaac W. Beal,
Alden Beal,
George W. Cousens,
John M. Damon,
Joshua W. Davis,
J. Foster Doane,
Stephen D. Farrer,
John E. Groce,
Galen James,
George O. Higgins,
George W. Kimball,
Isaiah Lincoln,
Caleb Lincoln,
Richard W. Lothrop,
James Petee,
Aaron Pratt,
Robert B. Pratt,
C. James Pratt,
Ira B. Pratt,
Zaccheus Rich,
Ziba C. Small,
Franklin Stoddard,
Joseph St. John,
Edwin Souther,
A. H. Tower, Jr.,
Israel C. Vinal,
Otis S. Wilbur,
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.,
Lewis Willcutt.

## LIST OF JURYMEN

Drawn for the Year ending March 1, 1879.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 18, 1878, | Daniel Hudson, Jr., | Grand | Juror. |
| March 29, 1878, | Alfred Beal, | Superior | Court. |
| April 10, 1878, | Levi L. Nichols, | " | " |
| August 26, 1878, | Zenas D. Lincoln, | " | " |
| Sept. 12, 1878, | J. Loring Litchfield, | " | " |
| Nov. 25, 1878, | Edward E. Ellms, | " | " |
| Dec. 12, 1878, | John W. Bates, | " | " |
| Feb. 5, 1879, | David P. Beal, | Supreme | Jud. Court. |

# ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

## March 3, 1878

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Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law.

Article 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Support of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Support of Poor, and other necessary charges for the current year.

Article 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and Families of the slain.

Article 7. To hear the Report of Selectmen on Guideboards, and act thereon.

Article 8. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 9. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 10. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to raise the road in the hollow near the Black Rock House, or act thereon.

Article 11. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to raise the road above tide-water on Margin Street, from hill near Alexander S. Litchfield's house to Lawrence Barrett's land, or act thereon.

Article 12. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase land for the purpose of a Cemetery, or act thereon.

Article 13. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to put the Fire Engine in complete order, or act thereon.

Article 14. Will the Town cause a Receiving Tomb to be built, or act thereon.

Article 15. What action will the Town take in relation to keeping of Tramps.

Article 16. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the hill near the dwelling of Francis L. Bates on Beechwood Street, or act thereon.

Article 17. Will the Town cause the road to be widened and straightened between Bela Stoddard and C. F. Nichols's dwellings, or act thereon.

Article 18. Will the town cause a Sidewalk to be built on Snow-Place, or act thereon.

Article 19. To hear the Report of the Selectmen in relation to placing a Fire Engine on Jerusalem Road, and act thereon.

Article 20. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the claim of Cornelius Lincoln, to land sold to Melzar G. Groce, and act thereon.

Article 21. To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor upon the claim made for the House and Land on Beechwood Street, formerly owned by Joseph P. Wheelwright, and act thereon.

Article 22. To hear the Report of any Committee, and act thereon.

Article 23. Will the Town cause a Face Wall to be built on the line of the road on Summer Street, from Sarah J. Lawrence's House to Stable of Amos E. Tilden, or act thereon.

Article 24. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the road from Depot Corner, to Dwelling of Levi N. Bates, or act thereon.

Article 25. Will the Town cause the Ledge near the South District School-House, or a portion removed, or act thereon.

Article 26. Will the Town vote that the High School may hold one session daily during the year.

Article 27. Will the Town accept of the agreement made with the owners of Real Estate, bordering on Strait's Pond, or act thereon.

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in Account with

1878–79.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's order drawn to date, | | $13,997 44 |
| Assessor's order for Abatement of Taxes, | | 1,123 42 |
| State Aid to disabled Soldiers and Families, | | 609 50 |
| Town's Appropriation for Schools, | | 5,000 00 |
| Additional items for account of Schools, | | 431 96 |
| Discount on Taxes as paid to Sept. 1st, 1878, | | 999 41 |
| State Tax for 1878, | | 1,280 00 |
| County Tax for 1878, | | 1,897 21 |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, note due April 1st, 1878, | | 1,000 00 |
| David W. Whitcomb, demand note, | | 200 00 |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " | | 250 00 |
| Bela Stoddard, " " | | 600 00 |
| Franklin J. Damon, " " | | 1,000 00 |
| James W. Nichols, " " | | 2,000 00 |
| New England Trust Co., 2 demand notes, | | 3,500 00 |
| Hingham National Bank, 2 " " | | 6,500 00 |
| Interest on Town notes, | | 1,533 83 |
| | | $41,922 77 |
| Balance in Treasury, viz.: | | |
| Unpaid Taxes, | $1,727 31 | |
| Cash, | 1,704 94 | |
| | | $3,432 25 |
| | | $45,355 02 |

COHASSET, FEBRUARY 1st, 1879.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correctly cast, and properly vouched for.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer, Cr.

1878–79.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Balance in Treasury from former account, | $3,077 | 61 |
| Received of State Treasurer for State Aid, 1877, | 350 | 00 |
| " " " National Bank Tax, 1878, | 876 | 42 |
| " " " Corporation Tax, 1878, | 1,142 | 58 |
| " " " Income Mass. School Fund, 1878, | 200 | 75 |
| " " " State Pauper account, 1878, | 10 | 07 |
| " County Treasurer, dog licences, | 174 | 81 |
| " Town of Hull, support of paupers, 1877, | 306 | 00 |
| " " Scituate, " Betsey Brown, 1877, Manuel Sylvia, 1878, | 135 | 00 |
| " " So. Scituate, support of Hannah L. Stoddard, | 45 | 43 |
| " " Hingham, support of Myra Gardner, | 57 | 00 |
| " City of Chelsea, " Wm. F. Pike, | 16 | 40 |
| " James Dady, on acct. support of his wife at Insane Hospital, | 180 | 00 |
| " J. W. Robinson on acct. Mrs. Jesse Tower, | 2 | 00 |
| " Louis N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, | 29 | 00 |
| " Rent of Offices, Harbor School-House, 1878, | 60 | 00 |
| " " David Vinal's house, 1878, | 21 | 00 |
| " Produce, &c., sales at Almshouse, | 79 | 08 |
| " Cash from sales of old plank, &c., | 4 | 67 |
| " Interest on Ripley Fund, | 40 | 40 |
| " " deposits and other items, | 113 | 93 |
| " Non-resident for schooling, | 16 | 00 |
| " Hatherly Merritt, pedlar's licence, | 8 | 00 |
| " Fred. W. Brown, druggist's " | 1 | 00 |
| " Nancy S. Whitcomb, hired money, | 250 | 00 |
| " New England Trust Co., hired money, | 1,500 | 00 |
| " Issue Funded Notes, per vote of Town, | 12,000 | 00 |
| " Tax List for 1878, | 24,657 | 87 |
| | $45,355 | 02 |

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

## *Town of Cohasset in account with School Committee.*

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1878–9.

HIGH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $1,000 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 600 00 | |
| | | $1600 00 |
| Geo. W. Collier, care of fires and rooms, | $24 20 | |
| Henry P. T. Bates, " " " | 20 25 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . | 65 56 | |
| | | $110 01 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| C. W. Beal, care of fires and rooms, . | $6 50 | |
| Teacher, " " " . | 3 00 | |
| | | $9 50 |

NORTH SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| James Sweeney, care of fires and rooms, | $8 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| Charles Henry, labor on wood, . . | 6 25 | |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord of wood, . . | 5 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, 4 cords wood, & housing do., | 30 00 | |
| | | $55 25 |

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid S. J. Hayden, care of fires and rooms, | $12 00 | |
| H. W. Souther, " " " | 7 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| R. T. Burbank, half cord of wood, . . | 3 50 | |
| C. J. Nichols, " " . | 2 50 | |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord of wood, . . | 5 00 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 8 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . | 30 93 | |
| | | $74 93 |

SOUTH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| F. H. Pratt, care of fires and rooms, . | $12 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " . | 6 00 | |
| S. D. Tower, 2 cords wood, . . . | 11 00 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 2 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . | 34 15 | |
| | | $65 15 |

BEECHWOOD SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . . | $450 00 | |
| Primary " " . . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $730 00 |
| Elmer E. Bates, care of fires and rooms, | $10 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| L. W. Bates, 6 cords hard wood, at $6.50 per cord, . . . . . | 39 00 | |
| L. W. Bates, 1 cord pine wood, . . | 4 50 | |
| " " labor on wood, . . . | 19 50 | |
| | | $79 00 |

HARBOR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $280 00 |
| C. J. Nichols, half cord pine wood, . | $2 50 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 2 75 | |
| Wm. Hayden, care of fire and room, . | 9 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. & Bro., coal, . . | 7 15 | |
| | | $21 40 |

### King Street School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| J. Burbank, care of fire and room, . | $10 00 | |
| R. T. Burbank, 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 00 | |
| " " 1 cord hard wood, . | 7 00 | |
| J. Burbank, labor on wood, . . . . | 4 25 | |
| | | $26 25 |

### Miscellaneous Charges.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid J. L. Hammett, text books, . . . . | $16 46 | |
| Thompson & Brown, " . . . . | 27 54 | |
| Knight & Adams, " . . . . | 2 10 | |
| Rand & Avery, " . . . . | 1 00 | |
| C. J. Haynes, " . . . . | 25 80 | |
| A. C. Stockton, " . . . . | 4 54 | |
| W. J. Nowell, apparatus, . . . . | 5 00 | |
| E. P. Collier, book for desk, . . | 1 12 | |
| | | $83 56 |
| | | $5,675 05 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . . | | 88 78 |
| | | $5,763 83 |

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| By unexpended balance of last year, . . | $331 87 | |
| Town appropriation, . . . . . | 5,000 00 | |
| Massachusetts School Fund, . . . . | 200 75 | |
| Norfolk county, dog licenses, . . | 174 81 | |
| Ripley School Fund, . . . . . | 40 40 | |
| Non-residents, tuition, . . . . | 16 00 | |
| | | $5763 83 |

L. N. BATES,

*Treasurer of School Committee.*

# LIST OF
# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS
## Registered in Cohasset for the Year, 1878.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residence. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 3, | Charles F. Wells,<br>Jane L. (Pope,) Beal, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Silas Sprowls. |
| " 10, | Lorenzo W. Bates,<br>Lottie C. Beal, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Scituate by Rev. H. B. Hibben. |
| " 19, | Antoine Vargus, Jr.<br>Mary L. Arnold, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Apr. 16, | Horace Sampson,<br>Mary S. Hayden, | Quincy<br>Cohasset | Married in Scituate by Rev. C. D. R. Meacham. |
| " 28, | George W. Aineslie,<br>Belinda J. Arnold, | Cohasset<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| May 26, | John F. Nightingale,<br>Sarah B. Chamberlain, | Quincy<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| June 17, | Frederick U. Beal,<br>Sarah E. Smith, | Boston<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Silas Sprowls. |
| " 25, | George B. Tirrell,<br>Eliza L. Augustus, | Hingham<br>Hull | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Silas Sprowls. |
| " 25, | Arthur H. Frost,<br>Sarah E. Keene, | Boston<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| July 2, | Wyman R. Lincoln,<br>Eliza Frazer, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " 2, | Joseph B. Vinal,<br>Ella J. Sargent, | Cohasset<br>Weymouth | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " 3, | Benjamin L. M. Tower,<br>Eliza C. Kneeland, | Braintree<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. J M. Manning. |
| " 14, | Thomas F. Mulcahy,<br>Mary Greene, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. P. J. Leddy. |
| Aug. 18, | Daniel W. Taylor,<br>Hattie H. Gardner, | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| " 22, | Elmer E. Bates,<br>Zoa A. Pratt, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Sept. 17, | Richard W. Sankey,<br>Bethia Lothrop, | Newcastle, P'a<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |

**MARRIAGES.—Continued.**

| Date. | NAMES. | Residence. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 2, | John B. Turner,<br>H. Anna Goodell, | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 9, | Samuel G. W. Lee,<br>Mary L. Bates, | Scituate<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " 15, | John Bryant,<br>Charlotte Olmsted, | Cohasset<br>New York | Married in Boston by Rev. Leverett Bradley, Jr. |
| " 15, | George C. Jenkins,<br>Marietta B. Damon, | Scituate<br>Marshfield | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood, |
| " 29, | George A. Briggs,<br>Abby C. Hardwick, | So. Scituate.<br>Cohasset | Married in Scituate by Rev. H. B. Hibben. |
| Nov. 11, | Cyrus W. Bates,<br>Ida M. Nichols, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| Dec. 1, | Moses Pratt,<br>Mary G. Brooks, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. C. Hood. |
| " 7, | John J. Ferreira,<br>Maria Felomena, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Scituate by Rev. P. J. Leddy. |
| " 24, | Edmund W. Estes,<br>Addie W. Mott, | Cohasset<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " 25, | Rufus W. White,<br>Abbie S. Bates, | Cohasset<br>Hull | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " 31, | Herbert A. Tilden,<br>Lura M. Gammons, | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |

During the year 1878, there were Twenty-seven marriages solemnized which have been registered in this town, as per list above; and during the same time Twenty-five Certificates of Intention of Marriage were issued.

## BIRTHS — 1878.

| Date. | NAMES. | Parents' Name. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 7, | Agnes Josephine Clarke.... | Anthony and Susan A..... | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 8, | Matthew Antoine Sylvia... | Manuel and Isabel..... | Church St. |
| " 20, | Sadie Warren Harlow ..... | James W. and Irene ..... | Spring St. |
| " 21, | John Bates ..... ..... | William H. and Grace E.... | King St. |
| Feb. 10, | Francis Loring Bates..... | Thomas A. and Melissa L... | Beechwood St. |
| " 11, | Lincoln..... | David B. and Eloise..... | Jerusalem Road. |
| March 1. | Amos Warren Locke..... | Waldo C. and Lucinda P.... | King St. |
| " 11, | William Emanuel Smith ... | John and Lucy E..... | Elm St. |
| " 11, | Thomas O'Keef..... | William and Margaret..... | No. Main St. |
| " 12, | John Franklin Tower..... | Isaac H. and Betsey A..... | Elm St. |
| " 26, | Bridget Frances Powers.... | Edward and Mary..... | No. Main St. |
| April 17, | Frank F. Silvia..... | Joseph F. and Louisa..... | Margin St. |
| " 28, | Hattie Whitcomb Damon .. | Horace J. and Mary F..... | Beechwood St. |
| May 18, | Effie Gertrude Thayer..... | Samuel N. and Maggie L.... | Pleasant St. |
| " 28, | Henry Beals Bates..... | Allen C. and Emily L..... | Highland Ave. |
| June 16, | Mary Ann Corbett ..... | Thomas and Ellen..... | Margin St. |
| " 22, | Leonard Allen Wilbur..... | Otis S. and Abbie J..... | Winter St. |
| July 2, | Frank Antoine Vargus ..... | Antoine Jr. and Mary L..... | Church St. |
| " 4, | Agnes McCormick..... | James and Bridget T..... | No. Main St. |
| " 4, | Mary Etta Priest..... | Charles J. and Harriet E.... | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 21, | Elsie Maria Morris..... ... | Henry L. and Addie M..... | Beechwood St. |
| Aug. 1. | Fred Lincoln Richards ..... | Frank W. and Ollie A..... | " " |
| " 12, | Ray Mortimer Souther..... | Andrew J. and Mehitable C. | No. Main " |
| " 13, | Beatrice Renshaw..... | David and Lydie F..... | Elm " |
| " 14, | Louise Studley Wright ..... | George H. and Elizabeth L. | No. Main " |
| " 19, | Henrietta Clapp Bates..... | Lorenzo W. and Lottie C.... | So. Main " |
| " 26, | George Edward Aineslie.... | George W. and Belinda J ... | Doane " |
| Sept. 5, | Falmine Foster Cardoza .... | Levi and Mary ..... | Margin " |
| " 10, | Willie Franklin Williston.. | Charles H. and Mary J..... | King " |
| " 12, | John Arthur Donovan..... | John and Mary J..... | Margin " |
| " 14, | Susie Lincoln Nichols..... | Martin and Emily..... | Scituate. |
| " 16, | Henrietta Caroline Valine.. | Manuel P. and Sarah E..... | Margin " |
| " 29, | Herbert Franklin Taylor... | John F. and Maria..... | Hull " |
| Oct. 1, | Grace Howard Beal..... . | Isaac W. and Eliza L..... | " " |
| " 6, | Ellen Charlotte Rooney.... | Barney and Delia..... | Margin " |
| Nov. 19, | Lilias Frances Pratt ..... | John J. A. and Mary F.,.... | Beechwood " |
| " 29, | Harry Nixon Marden ..... | Horace K. and Lizzie R..... | " " |
| Dec. 4, | William Edw. McDermott.. | Michael and Ellen ..... | No. Main " |
| " 10, | Margaret Alice Roche..... | Thomas and Anna..... | " " |
| " 11, | Charles Winthrop Knight.. | Winthrop and Mary L. ..... | Hull " |
| " 14, | Lincoln..... | Isaiah and Martha S..... | Beechwood " |
| " 19, | John Edwin Gillis ..... | Philip and Catherine ..... | Winter " |
| " 21, | Joseph Harvey Tate ..... | William A. and Eva E..... | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 22, | Lula Edith Denithorne..... | James and Emma..... | Margin St. |
| 1877. | | | |
| Mch. 27, | Grace Denithorne ..... | James and Emma..... | Margin St. |

The above list contains the names of forty-four children born in 1878 — as registered in this town — also one born in 1877, which was omitted in the last Report.

Of those born in 1878, twenty-four were males and twenty were females. Twenty-five were of American parentage; eleven of Foreign parentage, and eight of mixed parentage.

## DEATHS.—1878.

| Date. | NAMES. | AGE. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 5, | Stowers Beal | 74 | 2 | | Cancer of Stomach | Hull St. |
| " 11, | James Apts | 49 | 2 | 22 | Cancer of Liver | Church St. |
| " 12, | Joseph Briggs | 81 | 10 | | Old Age | Elm St. |
| " 25, | Sadie W. Harlow | | | 5 | Um. Hemorrhage | Spring St. |
| " 27, | Jerusha N. Bates | 56 | 9 | | Pul. Consumption | Pond St. |
| Feb. 3, | Thomas Lincoln | 78 | | | Cap. Bronchitis | Beechwood St. |
| " 12, | Almira Lincoln | 74 | 6 | | " | " |
| " 13, | Dau. D. B. Lincoln & w | | | 2 | Infantile | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 15, | Anna T. Paul | 56 | | | Dropsy | Margin St. |
| " 27, | Mary Hall | 77 | 10 | 13 | Apoplexy | Beechwood St. |
| Mar. 8, | Dau. A. E. Tilden & w. | | | | Prem. Birth | Border St. |
| " 31, | John Bates | | 2 | 10 | Ph. Pulmonalis | King St. |
| Apr. 2, | Sarah Farrar | 82 | 10 | | Bronchitis | Border St. |
| " 16, | Lorenzo D. Whitcomb. | 68 | | | Brights Disease | Almshouse. |
| May 22, | Mary (Beal) Tower, | 79 | 6 | | Dropsy | King St. |
| June 8, | Celia E. (Studley) Creed | 40 | 3 | | Endometritis | Border St. |
| " 18, | Marg't S. (Bates) Snow | 69 | 6 | | Chon. Dyspepsia | Elm Street. |
| " 24, | David W. Whitcomb | 68 | 1 | 17 | Peritonitis | Beechwood St. |
| " 28, | Frank Silva | 23 | 6 | | Consumption | Church Street. |
| July 4, | Albert K. Treat | 33 | 3 | 19 | Epilepsy | Elm Street. |
| Aug 25, | Elsie M. Morris | | 1 | 4 | Inflam. of Bowels | Beechwood St. |
| " 28, | [1]Arthur White | 18 | | | Congestion of Lungs. | Cohasset House. |
| Sept. 2, | Priscilla Lincoln | 82 | | 1 | Typ. Dysentery | No. Main St. |
| " 6, | Robert Bates | 47 | 4 | | Dysentery | Beach St. |
| " 12, | Pris'la (Lincoln) James | 77 | 5 | 20 | Typ. Dysentery | No. Main St. |
| " 14, | [2]Honora E. McCarty | 6 | 2 | | Inflam. of Bowels | Margin St. |
| " 16, | Sarah (Lincoln) Shaw. | 71 | | | Typ. Dysentery | No. Main St. |
| " 18, | [3]C. (Frawley) Keneally | 60 | 1 | 18 | " | " |
| " 19, | Edmund Bates | 60 | 4 | 22 | Cystitis | So. Main St. |
| " 19, | James C. Doane | 90 | | 10 | Brights Disease | No. Main St. |
| " 27, | [4]Sarah A Hayward | 80 | 10 | | Pneumonia | Black R'k House. |
| Oct. 6, | [5]Virgilio S. Silva | 25 | 2 | 22 | Apoplexy | Border St. |
| " 17, | Manuel J. Diaz | 56 | | | Congestion of Lungs. | Beechwood St. |
| " 18, | Lewis Bates | 74 | | | Heart Disease | " |
| " 22, | [4]S. (Blanch.) Wheelwr't | 86 | 1 | 11 | Debility | Jerusalem Road. |
| Nov 12, | John McCormick | 37 | 10 | | Paralysis | Pond Street. |
| " 26, | [6]Thomas Morey | 76 | 2 | 21 | Heart Disease | Pleasant St. |
| Dec. 8, | Job Wheelwright | 72 | | | " | Almshouse. |
| " 18, | [7]Eliza Aineslie | 49 | 4 | | Consumption | Margin St. |
| " 31, | M. B. (Stod'd) Willcutt. | 62 | 6 | | Cap. Bronchitis | Jerusalem Road. |

1. Removed to Newcastle, Pa., for interment,
2. Removed to Rockland, for interment.
3. " West Quincy, "
4. Removed to Forest Hill Cemetery, for interment.
5. Removed to Lynn, for interment.
6. " Hingham, "
7. " Weymouth, "

There were forty deaths in this town during the year 1878—as per list above—nineteen males and twenty-one females. Average age about 53 years 7 months and 26 days.

The following list comprises all those who died in other places during the year 1878 (including one of 1877), who were brought to this town for interment.

### DEATHS.—(Continued.)

| Date of Death. | | NAMES. | AGE. Y. | M. | D. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| August, 29, | 1877. | Henry Freeman Morris | 1 | 2 | 24 | So. Scituate. |
| February 9, | 1878. | Mary A. P. Sheridan | 35 | | | Taunton. |
| March 5, | " | David Willcutt | 51 | 2 | 8 | Boston. |
| March 31, | " | Elizabeth Lothrop | 65 | | | Taunton. |
| April 19, | " | Philip Fox | 57 | 11 | | Boston. |
| September 30, | " | Charles W. Pratt | 40 | 7 | 2 | Cambridge. |
| October 9, | " | George B. Litchfield | | | 9 | Scituate. |
| October 22, | " | Ethel R. Bates | | | 1 | Newton. |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk,*

# REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Superintendent of the Schools respectfully submit to the School Committee of Cohasset his Annual Report:

The past year has been distinguished by the renewed and increased interest shown in the cause of common school education in the State; and, especially, in Norfolk County. Besides the meetings which have been held annually or semi-annually, of teachers and others interested in education, two meetings of school committee men and superintendents who have charge of the schools in the county have been held, in which the absurdities and defects in many things pertaining to our present method of teaching and managing our schools were set forth, the unsatisfactoriness of the education obtained in them was strongly stated, and the need of a more rational and useful method of instruction was insisted on with great earnestness. It was urged, that children should be taught *things* rather than words, that they should learn to read and write together, and be made to acquire such facility in the use of the pencil and pen, and in the correct expression of thought, as to be able readily and easily to express their ideas in writing. The importance of teaching orally rather than from a slavish adherence to text-books, of illustrating as much as possible all lessons by objects, and of making them real and interesting to the children was urged; and at the same time, it was demanded that all useless lumber should be removed from our school instruction, — all the teaching which does not impart useful knowledge or help quicken and discipline the mental powers.

To help effect these objects a course of study for primary schools was proposed and recommended, and change in school supervision were advocated.

Then, in addition to these meetings of those entrusted with the management of the schools, a Teachers' Institute was held last fall, in Weymouth, for the express benefit of the teachers, which all our teachers attended. This was the most practical, suggestive, and useful educational meeting for teachers that I ever attended; and, I doubt not, great benefit will come to our schools from it. All teachers ought to have a thorough training now in the Normal Schools which have been established expressly to give such a training; but when they have not enjoyed this privilege, they should make their profession a constant study, seek every opportunity to enlarge their knowledge of their work, and to learn the best methods of teaching, of interesting, and of influencing aright their pupils; or else they should relinquish the profession of teaching to those better instructed and more interested in the work.

In consequence of the meetings which I have mentioned, I think a new interest has been awakened in our teachers, and that they are beginning to do better work in their schools. They are trying to fit themselves for their profession. Some of them have visited the Normal Schools at Bridgewater, and one of the Quincy schools, to observe how the work is done in those schools; and, I hope, all the other teachers will shortly make the same visits. I have made it an object to furnish the schools with black-boards, reference books, globes, blocks to teach form and numbers, and other things of this kind as they might be needed, and as a prudent expenditure of our means would permit. Additional reading books, books of arithmetical problems, and books for singing have been purchased for the use of the schools, which can be used by successive classes, which assist greatly in the right instruction of the school, and which are a real saving to the parents of the children, and to the town, as they render unnecessary the purchase of many books which would otherwise be charged to the town.

The points to which especial attention has been given during

the year, have been the teaching of the youngest children to read and to write words in script hand; in which I think they have made more rapid and intelligent progress than by the common method, instructing them more thoroughly in the simple combinations of numbers, and the fundamental operations of arithmetic, giving a large practice in writing and composing sentences, teaching to read more naturally and understandingly, and trying to effect a better classification of the scholars and arrangement of studies.

In the graded schools the children enter the primary schools at the age of five or six years, it being the rule to admit none under five. In these schools there are four classes usually. Children who have made a beginning of learning to read at home, or who can learn quickly, and are constant in their attendance, are fitted for the grammar schools in three years, or when they are eight or nine years old; but some who are slow to learn, idle, irregular in attendance, or infirm in health, remain till they are ten, eleven, or twelve years of age. They are required to be able to read well enough to go into the Fourth Reader, to know the multiplication table, Colburn's First Lessons to the sixth section, to be able to perform operations in the fundamental rules in arithmetic on the slate, and they are required to have had regular training in writing and spelling, and to have learned the first part of the Primary Geography.

The regular course in the grammar schools is for three years, although some children require four or more years for its completion. During that time they are expected to learn thoroughly Eaton's Arithmetic, as far as Compound Interest, using in connection with the Arithmetic, Wentworth's Problems, to complete the study of geography, to have oral instruction in grammar, and practice in writing, and correcting sentences, and in composition. There is also instruction given in reading, writing, spelling, drawing, and singing through the whole course. The teachers are also requested to give object lessons, and instruction in botany, or other branches of natural science, as they may be able.

It has been thought best to arrange a regular course of study for the High School, to be completed in four years. and to give to every scholar who completes the course, a certificate or diploma at the close. This course will include only the required studies. Some of the higher branches must be left optional with the scholar, .and will not be included in the prescribed course. At the close of the present school year, a class of pupils will have completed the required course of study. An opportunity, however, will be given to those members of the graduating class, who may so choose, to remain in the school another year, in order to review their studies, and to continue further their study of the higher branches.

In addition to the regular members of the High School who are expected to complete the full course of study, a number of boys attend the school during the winter term, who are engaged in fishing or other labor in the summer, who do not class well in the Grammar schools, and who are not prepared to go on with the regular studies of the school. They are taught especially, arithmetic, book-keeping, writing and such other branches as will be practically most useful to them.

The High School has never been in a better condition than during the past year. The order has been always good, the attendance of most of the pupils, very constant and regular, an excellent spirit has prevailed, and a very laudable enthusiasm has animated both teachers and scholars. The school also has had the confidence of the more distant parts of the town, and unusually large numbers from the Jerusalem and the Beechwood Districts have availed themselves of its privileges.

There has been no change of teachers in any of the schools, during the year. In all, good order has prevailed, the different branches of study have been diligently pursued, and a reasonable degree of progress in learning has been made. Something has been done towards adopting better methods of instruction, making the teaching more practical and useful, and promoting that mental activity which is necessary to make our schools what they ought to be, and what it is hoped they may become. There is an improvement from year to year, in

he discipline in our schools, and in the relations between the teachers and their pupils. While the pupils are becoming more orderly, obedient, and interested, the teachers are also becoming more gentle and considerate in their treatment of their pupils, and give to them more of their sympathy and confidence.

Mr. Walton, an agent of the Board of Education, in his Report of last year, of what he observed in visiting a large number of schools, writes:

"The more repulsive modes of discipline associated in our minds with this kind of teaching," — he refers to the objectionable teaching which used sometimes to prevail more than at present, — "the whippings with rod and tongue, and other tortures to which it subjected the child, the ignorance of childhood's needs which it presumed, and the dislike for school which it fostered, — I am happy to say have almost disappeared. The great part of the schools are characterized by good order and quiet, habits of industry are acquired, the mode of discipline which prevails is humane, and the spirit of the teacher, in general, kindly; and from this better spirit, many good results naturally follow." These remarks apply very well to our schools.

The following table shows the whole mumber of scholars attending each of our schools during the year.

| | Spring term. | Fall term. | Winter term. |
|---|---|---|---|
| High School, | 55 | 71 | 80 |
| Jerusalem School, | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| North Grammer School, | 29 | 28 | 25 |
| North Primary School, | 34 | 30 | 29 |
| Centre Grammar School, | 33 | 36 | 37 |
| Centre Primary School, | 35 | 36 | 34 |
| South Grammar School, | 33 | 30 | 38 |
| South Primary School, | 41 | 33 | 33 |
| Harbor Primary School, | 35 | 33 | 33 |
| King Street School, | 21 | 14 | 17 |
| Beechwoods Grammar School, | 31 | 29 | 34 |
| Beechwoods Primary School, | 30 | 32 | 29 |
| | 393 | 389 | 407 |

The Jerusalem school has been the smallest school in town. Of the few scholars some have been very irregular in their attendance, while from its being a mixed school, containing scholars of all the different grades, it must be impossible to awaken the interest and to teach with the success that should be expected in a differently constituted school. The teacher, however, has labored faithfully and with good results. A number of the children who have been under her instruction in this school are worthy members of the High School. It would be an excellent arrangement if the contiguous parts of Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset could be united in one school district, which would furnish children enough for a grammar and primary school, where they could be better taught, and at less expense than by the present system of supporting a small school in each town.

The teacher of the North Grammar school was kept from her school this winter by sickness for four or five weeks. For two weeks the school was closed, and for the other weeks, Miss Lewis worthily and efficiently supplied her place. The Fourth Primary and the Centre Primary schools were also closed two weeks each on account of the illness of their teachers. With these exceptions there has been no interruption of the schools during the year except for a day or two at a time, and then for reasonable causes.

At the annual town meeting held in March, 1878, the following By-Laws concerning Truants were adopted by the town, which afterwards were approved by the Judge of the Probate Court.

By-Laws concerning Truants, adopted by the Town of Cohasset at their Annual Meeting held March 4th, 1878.

Art. 1. The Town of Cohasset hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and, in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following By-Laws:

Art. 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering

about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to such place for confinement, instruction, and discipline as the selectmen of the town shall assign.

ART. 3. Two or more truant-officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all violations of the truant-laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of every truant-officer, prior to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or the absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor; and, if the truant-officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant-officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duty.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the truant-officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ART. 7. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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*NORFOLK, S. S.* PROBATE COURT, March 20, 1878.

The foregoing By-Laws concerning Truants, adopted by the Town of Cohasset, are hereby approved.

GEORGE WHITE, *Judge of the Probate Court.*

A true copy — Attest:

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

In compliance with the requirements of these By-Laws, and of the laws of the State, three Truant Officers were appointed by the School Committee last spring, two of whom, Mr. Louis N. Lincoln and Mr. John H. Morgan have made their reports to the School Committee, the substance of which is hereby appended.

Mr. Louis N. Lincoln reports that he has "in twenty-nine cases notified the parent or guardian of the acts of the truant, and obtained satisfactory pledges for the reformation of the child, and therefore have made no commitment under the "Truant Laws."

The following is the Report of Mr. John H. Morgan, with some abbreviations, and omissions of names.

He writes: "During the first summer, the past Truant officers requested children to attend school with a threat, and never enforcing it, caused me much trouble; also the children's parents allowing their children to let themselves to pull weeds, or to go a berrying. Many a day has been spent under this pretence, neither school attended, nor work done.

" September 5th, I commenced with the determination, with the aid of the teachers, who have rendered all due assistance, that the children should attend school. Learning that ———, was absent from school most of the time, I had an interview with his father, and urged upon him the importance of his boy's attending school. The father promised that his son should attend school without any further trouble to me. On the 9th of January, I learned that the boy had not attended school. I found him and carried him to school.

" On the same day, I called on Mr. ———, having learned that his son had been wandering about in public places, and stated my office. He replied that he was glad that some one was authorized to make the boy go to school, for he could not. After the interview, I found the boy in the house, packing up his books and preparing to attend school in the afternoon. He said that I should have no more trouble from him, and I did not, up to October 1.

"September 9th, I called on Mrs. ———, who said her son should attend school the next week; but he could not be got ready till the week after, when he was at school.

"September 9th, I saw Mrs. ———, about her son's not attending school. The cause given was the want of books, which the teacher procured, and the boy attended school till he went out of town. I also called on Mr. ———, respecting his boy's not attending school. He was very impertinent, used me disrespectfully, and said that his boy was not able to attend school, and that the doctor said he was better out of school than in. I have not insisted on his attendance.

"September 20, I found ——— in the pasture, and put him into school.

"November 13, took ——— to school.

"December 16, took ——— from his home to school.

"December 23, took the same boy from the woods to school.

"I make it a rule to call at the schools two or three times a week to see if all were in, and every scholar knows my business from my thus calling. I find that they feel under great restraint and obligation to be in school; — so much so, that the children call on me that I may know the reason of their not being in school, instead of my being obliged to run after them. I find the least trouble and the best attendance from children of foreign parents, who appreciate our free schools, and have felt the want of such schools."

The following certificate from the teachers was appended to Mr. Morgan's Report.

"This is to certify that Mr. Morgan has faithfully attended to his duties as Truant Officer; and that a good effect is observable in the attendance of those scholars who have been in the habit of playing truant.

L. Webster Bates,
Georgianna Bates."

One difficulty in the way of securing a constant attendance of children at school has been the want of suitable clothing and shoes in a number of cases. Endeavors have made to supply this want by private charity as far as possible. This means has not, however, been always ready and sufficient; and it might be well for the Overseers of the Poor, to require that in every case where aid is furnished to a family, the children should attend school constantly; and that on the application of the School-Committee, Superintendent or Truant Officers, they should be prepared to furnish destitute children with clothing and shoes to enable them to go to school.

If such children are suffered to grow up in ignorance, from their inability through poverty to attend school, the town will ultimately, without doubt, be required to pay ten times as much for the support of them and their families as would now be necessary to expend to keep them in school. Unless some provision of the kind suggested is made, the most faithful and active truant officer cannot secure the attendance of all the children in town who should be in school.

It has been my endeavor during the year, to keep the school buildings and out-buildings in good repair, and prevent deterioration. As the school-rooms all needed white-washing, it was thought best to have the walls colored instead, as the expense would be not much more, they would be more agreeable to the eye, and would keep clean longer, with less expense in the future.

During the winter term of the High School, there has been only one session a day, commencing at 9 and closing at 2½ o'clock. The teachers approve of this arrangement, and think they can do more for their pupils than if they should have two sessions daily; while there is an obvious advantage to those scholars who come from a distance, and have been accustomed to stay at noon. The arrangement may not be so convenient to others. I would state that it is almost the universal custom in high schools to have but one session daily. But in order to decide this matter in accordance with the wishes of the

people of the town, I recommend that a vote be taken at the next town meeting, whether the High School shall have one or two sessions daily through the year.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
*Superintendent of Schools.*

MR. LEVI N. BATES,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Esq.,
CAPT. J. W. BATES,
} *School Committee.*

The foregoing Report of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and adopted by the School Committee

COHASSET, Feb. 12th, 1879.

L. N. BATES,
J. Q. A. LATHROP,
JOHN W. BATES,
} *School Committee.*

# Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF COHASSET

**For the Year Ending February 1, 1880,**

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

## Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and School Committee,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

ALSO, THE

**Doings at the Annual Town Meeting,**

AND

REPORT OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE STATE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1879.

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BOSTON:
C. M. A. TWITCHELL, PRINTER,
NO. 65 CORNHILL.

# DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL MARCH MEETING,

HELD MARCH 3, 1879.

TAKEN FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.

*(ABRIDGED.)*

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ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer and School Committee.

ARTICLE 3. Town officers chosen as follows: —

*Town Clerk.*
NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

*Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*
ABRAHAM H. TOWER, JR.

*Surveyors of Highways.*
JAMES PETTEE, ISRAEL C. VINAL, FRANK H. PRATT,
WILLIAM BEAL, JOHN H. MORGAN, EDWIN BATES,
IRA B. PRATT.

*School Committee for three years.*
J. Q. A. LOTHROP.

*Constables.*
ISAIAH LINCOLN, ISRAEL C. VINAL, JOSEPH ST. JOHN,
ISAAC W. BEAL, E. E. WENTWORTH, SAM'L N. THAYER,
JOHN E. GROCE.

*Fire Wards.*
ZACCHEUS RICH, ISAAC W. BEAL, SAMUEL E. PRATT.

*Fence Viewers.*

THOMAS M. SMITH, J. FOSTER DOANE, JAMES DENITHORNE.

*Field Drivers.*

JOHN H. MORGAN, CHAS. F. TILDEN, ALBERT W. BEAL,
JOSEPH JACINTO, FRANK F. MARTIN, THOS. WILLIAMS,
J. FOSTER DOANE.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

D. O. WADE, N. B. TOWER.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

WALTER S. BEAL, HOWARD PRATT, EDWARD E. ELLMS.

*Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

THOMAS J. BROWNE.

*Pound Keeper.*

WILLIAM O. SOUTHER.

ARTICLE 4. Voted, to raise the sum of fifteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ($15,750.00), which sum, together with a portion of the balance now in the treasury, is to be appropriated as follows, viz.: —

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|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, | $1,000 |
| Payment of Interest, | 1,500 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1,000 |
| Support of Poor, | 3,500 |
| Support of Schools, | 5,000 |
| Removing Snow, | 400 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 500 |
| Repairs on School Houses, | 400 |
| Repairs on Highways, | 2,000 |
| Town Officers, | 1,000 |
| Printing, | 200 |
| Fire Department, | 200 |
| Miscellaneous, | 550 |
| Total amount appropriated, | $17,250 |

Article 5. Voted, that the Taxes be collected and paid into the treasury in the same manner as last year, and the same discount allowed as then.

Article 6. Voted, that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to hire money in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State aid to disabled soldiers and sailors, and families of the slain.

Article 7. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-boards be accepted. The following is their Report:

"The Selectmen hereby submit their Annual Report of the places where Guide-posts and boards are erected and maintained.

"One on the corner of Church and Beechwood streets; one on the corner of Beechwood and King streets; one on the corner of Beechwood and South Main streets; one on the corner of South Main and Elm streets; one on the corner of South Main and Summer streets; one on the corner of Summer and Border streets; one on the corner of North Main street and Jerusalem road; one on the corner of North Main and King streets; one on the corner of North Main street and Forest avenue; one on the corner of Forest avenue and Jerusalem road; and one on the corner of Jerusalem road and Hull street."

Article 8. Voted, that the names of all persons who are exempt by law from serving as jurors be stricken from the List of Jurors as posted by the Selectmen. By the vote, aforesaid, the names of Isaac W. Beal, John E. Groce, Isaiah Lincoln, Israel C. Vinal and Joseph St. John, were stricken from the list, — also, at their own request, the names of Richard W. Lothrop and Edwin Souther, were stricken from the list.

Voted, to add to said list the names of Waldo C. Locke, Daniel B. Lincoln, Daniel Tower and Morgan B. Stetson, making the list, as accepted, as follows:

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| Philander Bates, | Caleb Lincoln, |
| Thomas A. Bates, | Daniel B. Lincoln, |

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|---|---|
| Adna Bates, | Waldo C. Locke, |
| Loring Bates, | James Pettee, |
| George Bates, | Aaron Pratt, |
| Oliver H. Bates, | Robert B. Pratt, |
| William H. Beal, | C. James Pratt, |
| Alden Beal, | Ira B. Pratt, |
| George W. Cousens, | Zaccheus Rich, |
| John M. Damon, | Ziba C. Small, |
| Joshua W. Davis, | Franklin Stoddard, |
| J. Foster Doane, | Morgan B. Stetson, |
| Stephen D. Farrar, | A. H. Tower, Jr., |
| Galen James, | Daniel Tower, |
| George O. Higgins, | Otis S. Wilbur, |
| George W. Kimball, | Levi L. Worrick, Jr., |

Lewis Willcutt.

Article 9. Voted, that the Selectmen cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 10. Voted, that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be raised and appropriated to raise the road in the hollow, near the Black Rock House, on Jerusalem Road.

Article 11. Voted, that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be raised and appropriated to raise the road above the water, on Margin street, from hill near A. S. Litchfield's house to Lawrence Barrett's land.

Article 12. Voted, that the Selectmen investigate the necessity for purchasing land for a Cemetery, and make a Report to the Town on the matter, at a meeting to be held next April.

Article 13. Voted, that the Selectmen, with the Foreman of the Engine Company, prepare a statement of what is necessary to be done to put the Fire Engine in good order, with the estimated expense of so doing,— and they are also to ascertain the cost of good second-hand hand Fire Engines — consider the expediency of purchasing such a one, instead of repairing the old one, and report at a meeting to be held in April next.

Article 14. Voted, that the Selectmen ascertain all the facts and particulars in relation to a new Receiving Tomb,— the necessity for its construction and estimated cost, and report to the Town at a meeting to be held in April next.

Article 15. Voted, that the keeping of tramps be let out to the lowest responsible bidder, as last year.

Article 16. Passed over.

Article 17. Passed over.

Article 18. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to cause a Sidewalk to be constructed on Snow Place, as petitioned for, without any special appropriation of money therefor.

Article 19. Voted that the Report of the Selectmen in relation to placing a Fire Engine on Jeresalem road, be accepted. The Report has been placed on file. It was voted, as recommended in said Report, that the Selectmen be a committee to confer with any committee which may be chosen in Hingham and Hull, or either of said towns, for the same purpose, and they are to report to the Town at a meeting to be held in April next.

Article 20. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen on the claim of Cornelius Lincoln to land sold Melzar G. Groce be accepted. The Report has been placed on file. Said Report embraces the opinion of an eminent lawyer, who states that it seems to his mind clear that Mr. Lincoln has no claim on the Town for land sold Mr. Groce.

Article 21. Voted, that the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, on the claim made for the house and land on Beechwood street, formerly owned by Joseph P. Wheelwright, be accepted. The Report has been placed on file. Agreeably to one of the suggestions contained in said report, it was voted, that the town abandon its claim to the aforesaid house and land, in favor of Mrs. Susan Waters, the defendant in the case.

Article 22. The Report of the Committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting to consider the expediency of establishing a Public Library in this Town, presented their report (which

has been placed on file) to the meeting, which, by a vote, was accepted.

It was voted, as recommended in said Report, that the Town appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) towards the establishment of a Public Library, the same to be paid when a like sum has been raised by private subscription.

Also voted, as therein recommended, that a Board of nine trustees, consisting of five gentlemen and four ladies, be appointed to take charge of the Library; three to hold office one year, three two years, and three for three years, and hereafter annually, there shall be appointed three, to hold office three years.

Also voted, (not recommended in said Report) that whenever a vacancy occurs in the Board of Trustees, by reason of death, or otherwise, the remaining members of the Board may fill the vacancy.

The following named persons were appointed by the Moderator, as Trustees for the Public Library, and their appointment confirmed by a vote of the meeting:

Rev. Joseph Osgood, John W. Bates, and Miss Mary Lewis, for one year; Rev. Granville Yager, L. Webster Bates, and Miss Sarah S. Pratt, for two years; Mr. E. Pomeroy Collier, Mrs. Fannie H. Tower, and Miss Abbie N. Bates, for three years.

### C. G. BEAL *vs.* TOWN OF COHASSET.

The Selectmen report the suit of C. G. Beal against the Town, for damages, as laid over to the April term of Court.

### TRUANT CHILDREN.

The Selectmen report that they have been unable to provide a place for truant children in any of the schools of the State, as they were authorized to do at the last Annual meeting.

ARTICLE 23. Passed over.

ARTICLE 24. Passed over.

ARTICLE 25. Passed over.

ARTICLE 26. Voted, that the Superintendent of Schools, and the School Committee, be instructed to cause the High School

to be kept two sessions daily, during the school days of the ensuing year, except, that with the consent or wish of a majority of the parents of the pupils of the said school to have one session during the winter months — one session may be allowed for that time.

ARTICLE 27. Voted, that the Town accept of the agreement made with the owners of Real Estate bordering on Straits Pond, provided it binds all heirs and assigns. The said agreement has been placed on file.

ARTICLE 28. Passed over.

ARTICLE 29. Passed over.

Voted, that the thanks of the meeting be passed to the Presiding Officer, for the able and impartial manner in which he has attended to his duties for the day.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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March 7, 1879. Allen C. Bates appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures, for one year.

March 7, 1879. Alexander T. Prouty, appointed Weigher of Coal, for one year.

April 7, 1879. Louis N. Lincoln, appointed Keeper of Tramps, for one year.

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Number of Enrolled Militia in Cohasset, 1879, . . 303

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|---|---|---|
| Number of Dogs licensed in Cohasset, 1879, . . | | 100 |
| Males, . . . . . | 98 | |
| Females, . . . . . | 2 | |
| Total, . . . . . | 100 | |

## DOINGS AT TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 30, 1879.

Article 1. J. Q. A. Lothrop chosen Moderator.

Article 2. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen be accepted, wherein they report it to be inexpedient and unnecessary to purchase land for a Cemetery.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to make such repairs on the old Receiving Tomb as they may think advisable; and it was voted that the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Voted, that the Selectmen prepare plans and estimates for a new Receiving Tomb, and report at the next Annual Meeting, — should they deem it advisable not to make any repairs on the old one.

Article 3. Voted, that the amount of money needed in addition to the amount raised at the Annual meeting in March last, for the repairs and improvement of Margin street, be taken from the Corporation tax.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money in anticipation of said Corporation tax.

Article 4. Voted, that the Report of the Committee on repairing the Fire Engine, be accepted, wherein they recommend repairs and improvements to be made on the same at a cost of three hundred dollars.

Voted, that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be raised and appropriated for the aforesaid purpose.

Article 5. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen be accepted, wherein they recommend the Town to take no action at this time in relation to placing a Fire Engine on Jerusalem road, as the towns of Hingham and Hull, at their last Annual Meeting, were not disposed to assume any portion of the expense of so doing.

They do, however, report in favor of placing and maintaining one at the above named locality, at any time when the said towns will unite with this town in so doing.

Article 6. The Report of the Collector of Taxes was read and was accepted, after being amended by adding to it the following clause:

All unpaid taxes on Real Estate, that, on the tenth day of January next may have been assessed for the period of two years, the Treasurer shall proceed to collect according to law, by advertising and selling so much of said Real Estate as will be sufficient to pay the said taxes, with interest and costs.

The Report has been placed on file.

Article 7. Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to be prepared to state at the next Annual Meeting the estimated cost of a Reservoir, completed, on the Common.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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## ELECTION RECORD.

Nov. 4, 1879.

For Governor.

| | |
|---|---|
| John D. Long, of Hingham, | 187 |
| Benjamin F. Butler, of Lowell, | 78 |
| John Quincy Adams, of Quincy, | 17 |
| Daniel C. Eddy, of Hyde Park, | 9 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Lieutenant Governor.

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|---|---|
| Byron Weston, of Dalton, | 187 |
| Albert C. Woodworth, of Chicopee, | 78 |
| William R. Plunkett, of Pittsfield, | 17 |
| Timothy K. Earle, of Worcester, | 9 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Secretary.

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|---|---|
| Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, | 188 |
| Michael T. Donohoe, of Somerville, | 94 |
| Charles Almy, of New Bedford, | 9 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

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|---|---|
| Charles Endicott, of Canton, | 187 |
| David N. Skillings, of Winchester, | 104 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Auditor.

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|---|---|
| Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, | 187 |
| Davis J. King, of Boston, | 78 |
| Charles R. Field, of Greenfield, | 17 |
| Jonathan H. Orne, of Marblehead, | 9 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Attorney General.

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|---|---|
| George Marston, of New Bedford, | 187 |
| William D. Northend, of Salem, | 78 |
| Richard Olney, of Boston, | 17 |
| Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden, | 9 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Councillor.

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|---|---|
| John S. Brayton, of Fall River, | 187 |
| Weston Howland, of Fairhaven, | 78 |
| Joseph M. Day, of Barnstable, | 17 |
| Nehemiah P. Baker, of Falmouth, | 9 |
| Total, | 291 |

For County Commissioner.

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|---|---|
| Jabez Talbot, Jr., of Stoughton, | 187 |
| Isaac S. Wilbur, of Bridgewater, | 78 |
| James G. Scott, of Walpole, | 17 |
| Alfred Clark, of Franklin, | 9 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Register of Deeds.

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|---|---|
| John H. Burdakin, of Dedham, | 213 |
| Noah C. Perkins, of Middleborough, | 78 |
| Total, | 291 |

For County Treasurer.

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|---|---|
| Chauncy C. Churchill, of Dedham, | 196 |
| Henry A. Ford, of Brockton, | 78 |
| Henry S. Bunton, of Hyde Park, | 17 |
| Total, | 291 |

For Senator.

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|---|---|
| Starkes Whiton, of Hingham, | 186 |
| Edgar E. Dean, of Brockton, | 78 |
| Henry A. Ford, of Brockton, | 17 |
| Total, | 281 |

For Representative to the General Court.

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|---|---|
| Philander Bates, of Cohasset, | 181 |
| Daniel L. Wood, of " | 69 |
| Joseph St. John, of " | 24 |
| James Pettee, of " | 12 |
| Louis T. Cushing, of, " | 2 |
| Total, | 288 |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

The vote of the Second Plymouth District for Representative, Nov. 4, 1879, was as follows :

| | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philander Bates, of Cohasset, | 214 | 198 | 181 | 593 |
| Daniel L. Wood, of " | 123 | 85 | 69 | 277 |
| Joseph St. John, of " | 15 | 25 | 24 | 64 |
| James Pettee, of " | 4 | | 12 | 16 |
| James P. Pettee, of " | | 5 | | 5 |
| Louis T. Cushing, of " | | | 2 | 2 |
| Rufus Clapp, of Scituate, | 1 | | | 1 |
| Edwin A. Turner, of Scituate, | 1 | | | 1 |

Philander Bates, of Cohasset, having a plurality of the votes, was elected, and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# Report of the Selectmen.

Amounts appropriated at the Annual Meeting March 3, 1879, and a meeting held April 30, 1879.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, | $1000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, | 1500 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1000 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 3500 00 |
| Support of Schools, | 5000 00 |
| Removing Snow, | 400 00 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 500 00 |
| Repairs on School Houses, | 400 00 |
| Repairs on Highways, | 2000 00 |
| Town Officers, | 1000 00 |
| Printing, | 200 00 |
| Fire Department, | 500 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 550 00 |
| Special Repairs Jerusalem Road, | 500 00 |
| " " Margin Street, | 500 00 |
| " " Receiving Tomb, | 100 00 |
| Public Library, | 300 00 |
| State Tax, | 640 00 |
| County tax, | 1680 39 |
| Paid for Debt, | 1000 00 |
| Amount over Sums Raised, | 3107 66 |
| Balance in Treasury, | 2947 58 |
| | $28,325 63 |

## AMOUNTS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 1879, AND APRIL 30, 1879.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, Support of Poor, Interest and Discount, Support of Schools and other charges, | $15,750 00 |
| Repairs Jerusalem Road, . . . . . | 500 00 |
| " Margin Street, . . . . . | 500 00 |
| " Receiving Tomb, . . . . . | 100 00 |
| State and County Tax, . . . . . | 2320 39 |
| Overlayings on Taxes for 1879, . ; . | 740 63 |
| Fire Department, . . . . . | 300 00 |
| Amounts Received by Treasurer, . . . . | $20,211 02 |
| Cash in the Treasury, Feb. 1, 1879, . . . | 1704 94 |
| From Taxes Outstanding Feb. 1, 1879, . | 1248 38 |
| " Corporation Tax, . . . . | 1386 72 |
| " National Bank Tax, . . . . . | 859 02 |
| " State and Military Aid, . . . | 444 98 |
| " State for Paupers, . . . . . | 52 29 |
| " Hired Money, . . . . . | 1200 00 |
| " all other Sources, . . . . . | 1218 28 |
| | $28,325 63 |

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### *Removing Snow.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee and others, . . | $22 72 | |
| Bela Joy and others, . . . | 2 13 | |
| Ira B. Pratt and others, . . . | 14 25 | |
| Edwin Bates and others, . . | 6 00 | |
| Thomas A. Bates and others, . . | 14 75 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt and others, . . | 26 75 | |
| Thomas M. Smith and others, . . | 65 28 | |
| Amos E. Tilden and others, . . | 11 50 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., and team, . | 4 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, 2 Snow Ploughs, | 24 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | ——— | $191 88 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $191 88 | |
| Paid E. E. Wentworth, repairs Snow Ploughs, | 1 25 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden and others, . . | 15 00 | |
| Alden Beal and others, . . . | 15 00 | |
| Almshouse man and team, . . | 13 50 | |
| | | $236 63 |
| Deduct for Alms-house, . . . | | 13 50 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . | | $223 13 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . | | 400 00 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . | | 163 37 |

### *State Aid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . | $48 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, . . . . | 72 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . | 48 00 | |
| Philip D. Minot, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Harriet J. Apts, . . . . | 16 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| | | $283 00 |

No appropriations.

### *Military Aid under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Munnies, . . . . | $62 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, . . . | 62 00 | |
| George Arnold, . . . . | 62 00 | |
| Oliver Henderson, . . . . | 76 00 | |
| James Rooney, Jr., . . . | 27 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Peter E. Ainslèe, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Levi L. Minot, . . . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $324 00 |

No appropriation.

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| One-half paid by the State, . . . | 162 00 | |
| | | $162 00 |

### *Abatements of Taxes.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1874, . . . | $10 95 | |
| " " " " 1875, . . . | 24 69 | |
| " " " " 1876, . . . | 46 17 | |
| " " " " 1877, . . . | 65 38 | |
| " " " " 1878, . . . | 157 47 | |
| " " " " 1879, . . . | 60 84 | |
| | | $365 50 |

No appropriation.

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### *Special Repairs Jerusalem Road.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Daniel N. Tower, Surveying, . | $2 00 | |
| Warren Bates 2nd, labor and team, | 60 00 | |
| William Copeland, " " | 48 75 | |
| Michael McDermott, " | 61 50 | |
| Thomas Bates " | 10 00 | |
| Joseph Smith, " | 24 50 | |
| Thomas M. Smith, " | 10 00 | |
| Peter C. Kimball, " | 54 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " | 3 00 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " | 6 00 | |
| Eph. M. Couillard, labor, . . | 33 00 | |
| Thomas Reedy, " . . | 31 50 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln " . . | 3 00 | |
| Benjamin F. Morse, " . . | 30 75 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . | 9 00 | |
| Eben James, " . . | 32 25 | |
| W. A. Tate, " . . | 27 00 | |
| Clinton A. Martin, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles L. Kittrell " . . | 29 25 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . | 33 00 | |
| Richard H. Priest, " . . | 30 00 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . | 30 00 | |
| John Burbank, " . . | 12 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $583 50 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $583 50 | |
| Paid Philip Gillis, labor, . . | 16 50 | |
| Thomas Mulcahay " . . | 3 00 | |
| Daniel Sullivan, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Robert B. Pratt, " . . | 4 50 | |
| Thomas Willcutt " . . | 4 50 | |
| James Pettee, " . . | 36 00 | |
| " " Rend-rock and fuse, | 5 50 | |
| C. A. Gross, " " " | 39 84 | |
| Thomas Roche, sharpening picks & drills, | 33 09 | |
| C. F. Nichols, gravel, . . . | 10 63 | |
| L. W. Groce, " . . . | 2 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, bolts and posts, . | 46 60 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber &c., . | 16 51 | |
| Almshouse man and teams, . . | 54 00 | |
| | | $859 67 |
| Deduct for Almshouse, . . . | | 54 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . | | $805 67 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . | | 500 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . | | $305 67 |

## *Fire Department.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William W. Studley, Steward, . | $30 00 | |
| Old Colony Railroad, freight, . . | 14 40 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, watching fire, . | 2 00 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., and others, watching fire, . . . . . | 8 00 | |
| Alson S. Richardson, watching fire, 1878, | 3 50 | |
| 58 Firemen poll taxes, . . . | 116 00 | |
| Hunnemen & Co., repairs, . . | 367 95 | |
| Charles A. Gross, supplies, . . | 26 85 | |
| Beal's Express, . . . . | 4 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $572 70 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $572 70 | |
| Paid Franklin J. Damon, repairs, . . | 1 75 | |
| W. W. Studley, expenses and time, | 3 10 | |
| Thomas Beal, straps &c., . . | 5 10 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 1 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, oil, &c., . . . | 4 82 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., rigging, &c., . | 2 81 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, butts and screws, . | 1 15 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, pole, . . | 20 00 | |
| " " time and expense, | 4 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 2 50 | |
| | | $618 93 |
| Amount Appropriated, . . . . . | | 500 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | $118 93 |

### *Printing.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. F. Brown & Co., reports, . . | $144 80 | |
| J. M. Whittemore & Co., receipts, . | 3 50 | |
| Beals' express, . . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Aaron R. Gay & Co., book, . . | 13 50 | |
| N. B. Tower, voting lists, &c., . | 47 00 | |
| | | $210 30 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | 10 30 |

### *Special Repairs on Margin Street.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Michael Brennock, labor, . . . | $16 12 | |
| John G. Hayden, " . . . | 14 18 | |
| Manuel P. Valine. " . . . | 15 68 | |
| Manuel S. Enos, " . . . | 15 98 | |
| William Enos, " . . . | 5 62 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $67 58 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* | . . . | $67 58 | |
| Paid Frank F. Martin, | " . . . | 10 43 | |
| Antone Silvia, | " . . . | 7 43 | |
| Stephen T. Sherman, | " . . . | 13 12 | |
| Frank W. Thomas, | " . . . | 10 50 | |
| Lot Willcutt, | " . . . | 14 25 | |
| Manuel Antone, | " . . . | 8 25 | |
| John Smith, | " . . . | 11 62 | |
| Abraham M. Antone, | " . . . | 2 63 | |
| Joseph Paul, | " . . . | 4 50 | |
| Manuel Gracia, | " . . . | 1 50 | |
| Thomas Gracia, | " . . . | 1 50 | |
| Joseph Battles, | " . . . | 13 87 | |
| George W. Cousens, | " . . . | 18 60 | |
| Joseph E. Frates, | " . . . | 8 63 | |
| Manuel Brazil, | " . . . | 5 25 | |
| Antone L. Joseph, | " . . . | 9 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, | " . . . | 23 17 | |
| John Burbank, | " . . . | 6 50 | |
| James E. Brennock, | " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Edwin Souther, | " . . . | 7 50 | |
| John Howard, | " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team, | . | 27 60 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, teams, | . . . | 24 50 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, | " . . . | 18 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, | " . . . | 44 00 | |
| D. S. G. Doane | " . . . | 10 50 | |
| Thomas Smith, | " . . . | 25 50 | |
| Edward E. Ellms | " . . . | 18 00 | |
| Patrick Downs, | " . . . | 18 00 | |
| Frank J. Damon, | " . . . | 18 75 | |
| M. B. Stetson, | " . . . | 9 00 | |
| Thomas M. Smith, | " . . . | 35 00 | |
| Thomas Bates, | " . . . | 33 75 | |
| " " gravel, | . . . | 53 76 | |
| A. H. Tower, team, scow and gravel, | . | 27 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* | . . . | ——— | $548 11 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $548 11 | |
| Paid C. James Pratt, gravel, . . . | 7 28 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., " . . . | 44 88 | |
| William St. John, scowing muck, &c., | 160 00 | |
| Frates & Martin, stone, . . . | 1 68 | |
| Alex. S. Litchfield, stone, . . . | 5 00 | |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying. . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, posts, . . . | 44 15 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, . . | 74 92 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 3 30 | |
| Thomas Bates, labor and stones, . | 12 50 | |
| Almshouse, man and team, . . | 41 25 | |
| | | $1,015 65 |
| Deduct for almshouse, . . . . . | | 41 25 |
| Amount drawn from treasury, . . . . . | | $974 40 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 500 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | $474 40 |

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## *Repairs on Highways.*

ISRAEL C. VINAL, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Israel C. Vinal, labor, . . . . | $41 17 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 22 00 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . | 11 00 | |
| Manuel S. Enos, " . . . | 15 00 | |
| Joseph Paul, " . . . | 4 50 | |
| Stephen T. Sherman, " . . . | 9 75 | |
| Frank W. Thomas, " . . . | 9 00 | |
| Manuel Antone, " . . . | 1 50 | |
| John Burbank, " . . . | 5 00 | |
| Lot Willcutt, " . . . | 13 50 | |
| Antone L. Joseph " . . . | 7 50 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, " . . . | 10 25 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . . | 7 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | | $157 67 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $157 67 | |
| Paid Southward Pratt . " . . | 75 | |
| William Mulvey, . " . . | 1 25 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team, . | 25 50 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " . | 29 10 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " " . | 20 00 | |
| Thomas Smith, " " . | 12 00 | |
| D. S. G. Doane, " " . | 3 00 | |
| William St. John, gravel, . . . | 34 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | 26 38 | |
| Robert B. Pratt, " . . . | 63 | |
| A. H. Tower, gravel and scow, . . | 12 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 1 00 | |
| Charles A. Gross, rend-rock, . . | 1 22 | |
| | | $325 00 |

FRANK H. PRATT, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Frank H. Pratt, labor, . . . | $50 50 | |
| William Brennock, " . . . | 12 75 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . . | 6 50 | |
| Samuel N. Thayer, " . . . | 10 50 | |
| George G. Hayden, labor, . . | 1 50 | |
| Alfred Haskell, " . . | 6 50 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, " . . | 12 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, " . . | 13 89 | |
| Benjamin F. Morse, " . . | 8 00 | |
| John Howard, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Galen James, " . . | 13 50 | |
| Jesse Barnes, " . . | 75 | |
| Antone L. Joseph, " . . | 4 00 | |
| William Cronican, " . . | 10 00 | |
| William St. John, gravel and scow, . | 52 52 | |
| Joseph E. Frates, gravel and labor, . | 43 09 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, labor and team, . . | 14 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " . . | 40 00 | |
| Charles Pratt, " " . . | 10 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team, . | 12 00 | |
| | | $325 00 |

WILLIAM BEAL, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William Beal, labor, . . . . | 31 36 | |
| John Burbank, " . . . . | 2 00 | |
| Clinton A. Martin, labor, . . . | 9 75 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . . | 1 50 | |
| Daniel Reedy, " . . . | 2 00 | |
| Isaac Phinney, " . . . | 19 20 | |
| Thomas H. Cook, " . . . | 2 25 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, " . . . | 9 00 | |
| William H. Bates, " , . . | 13 50 | |
| Robert Y. Beal, " . . . | 34 50 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . . | 9 75 | |
| Walter Phinney, " . . . | 5 50 | |
| Frank Cook, " . . . | 1 00 | |
| John Roach, " . . . | 2 25 | |
| Jesse Barnes, " . . . | 1 50 | |
| William Doane, " . . . | 6 00 | |
| Joseph Smith, labor and team, . . | 27 50 | |
| William Mulvey, labor and team, . | 13 00 | |
| Almshouse, " " . | 15 00 | |
| Thomas Bates, gravel and team, . | 65 06 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, gravel, . . . | 16 75 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., drain pipe, . . | 11 63 | |
| | | $300 00 |

HENRY PETTEE, Surveyor.

| | | |
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| Paid Henry Pettee, labor and team, . . | $59 20 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . . | 38 00 | |
| Michael McDermott, " . . | 36 75 | |
| William Copeland, " . . | 29 75 | |
| C. L. Kettrell, labor, " . . | 27 37 | |
| Richard H. Priest, labor, " . . | 15 00 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . . | 18 00 | |
| Thomas Reedy, " . . . | 16 50 | |
| William B. Taylor, " . . . | 7 50 | |
| William A. Tate, " . . . | 12 00 | |
| Thomas Roache, smithing, . . . | 2 30 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $262 37 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $262 37 | |
| Paid C. A. Gross, rend-rock and fuse, . | 1 43 | |
| Washington Brown, gravel, . . | 13 25 | |
| Augustus Lothrop, " . . | 22 95 | |
| | | $300 00 |

IRA B. PRATT, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ira B. Pratt, labor and team, . . | $49 06 | |
| Horace J. Damon, labor and team, . | 3 00 | |
| Joseph W. Litchfield, labor and team, | 4 50 | |
| Warren Bates, " " | 4 00 | |
| Levi Lincoln, " " | 4 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, " " | 4 00 | |
| Oliver H. Bates, " " | 4 00 | |
| Andrew J. Arnold, " " | 6 00 | |
| Frank Stoddard, " " | 14 00 | |
| Thomas O. Whitcomb, gravel and team, | 7 50 | |
| Benjamin H. Crane, labor, . . | 25 50 | |
| Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor, . . | 14 75 | |
| Thomas Williams, " . | 3 00 | |
| Henry L. Bates, " . . | 18 75 | |
| Manuel Silvia, " . . | 5 00 | |
| E. E. Bates, " . . | 5 00 | |
| J. Whitcomb, " . . | 8 87 | |
| W. E. Litchfield, " , . | 3 00 | |
| Joseph Brooks, " . . | 4 00 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, . . | 4 00 | |
| C. A. Gross, rend-rock, &c., . . | 5 82 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, smithing, . . | 2 25 | |
| | | $200 00 |

JOHN H. MORGAN, Surveyor.

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| Paid John H. Morgan, labor, . . . | $49 24 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, labor and team, . | 3 75 | |
| Elbridge G. Bates, labor and team, . | 4 50 | |
| John McGough, " " . | 5 25 | |
| John A. Dyer, " " . | 16 00 | |
| William W. Bates, " " . | 3 25 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $81 99 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* | . | . | . | $81 99 |
| Paid Charles H. Wood, labor and team, | | | . | 3 00 |
| Samuel G. James, | " | " | . | 5 62 |
| Robert T. Burbank, | " | " | . | 5 54 |
| Galen James, | " | " | . | 10 39 |
| Martin Nichols, | " | " | . | 3 00 |
| John W. Bates, | " | " | . | 3 00 |
| Caleb Lincoln, | " | " | . | 4 00 |
| George Pratt, | " | " | . | 3 00 |
| Benjamin H. Crane, labor, | | . | . | 14 62 |
| Thomas Williams, | " | . | . | 3 00 |
| Arthur Litchfield, | " | . | . | 3 70 |
| William Damon, | " | . | . | 3 50 |
| Charles B. Wood, | " | . | . | 4 25 |
| Henry Nichols, | " | . | . | 4 17 |
| Manuel Gracia, | " | . | . | 3 75 |
| Samuel Williams, | " | . | . | 1 50 |
| Manuel Avellar, | " | . | . | 3 50 |
| Henry L. Bates, | " | . | . | 4 09 |
| Frank Wheelwright, | " | . | . | 1 05 |
| Cyrus Wood, | " | . | . | 1 05 |
| Joseph Whitcomb, | " | . | . | 3 00 |
| George F. Sargent, | " | . | . | 3 00 |
| George Litchfield, | " | . | . | 1 50 |
| Hosea U. Wood, | " | . | . | 3 55 |
| Austin Lincoln, | " | . | . | 75 |
| Frank Groce, | " | . | . | 1 50 |
| Daniel W. Pratt, | " | . | . | 2 25 |
| John Murphy, | " | . | . | 2 25 |
| A. B. Litchfield, | " | . | . | 1 50 |
| James Apts, | " | . | . | 1 50 |
| William Apts, | " | . | . | 2 25 |
| William Bates, gravel and labor, | | | . | 2 45 |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, | | . | . | 6 78 |
| | | | | $200 00 |

EDWIN BATES, Surveyor.

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| Paid Edwin Bates, labor and team, . . | $74 59 | |
| John W. Bates, " " . . | 8 00 | |
| Silas Bates, " " . . | 1 50 | |
| Oliver H. Bates, labor and team, . | 10 75 | |
| Cyrus W. Bates, " " . | 4 50 | |
| W. W. Bates, " " . | 14 00 | |
| John L. McGough, " " . | 9 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " " . | 8 00 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, " " . | 6 00 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, " " . | 4 00 | |
| George C. Lincoln, labor aud team, . | 12 00 | |
| Levi Lincoln, " " . | 4 00 | |
| Thomas Williams, " " . | 3 00 | |
| Henry L. Bates, " . . . | 1 50 | |
| Benjamin H. Crane, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| John E. Kinsley, " . . . | 4 50 | |
| Henry Morris, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott " . . . | 1 50 | |
| Arthur S. Bates, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Abraham Lincoln, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| L. L. Wheelwright, " . . . | 2 25 | |
| Frank W. Wheelwright, labor, . . | 75 | |
| James H. Morris, gravel, . . . | 2 00 | |
| Benjamin T. Ellms, " . . . | 10 00 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, . . | 3 16 | |
| | | $200 00 |

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***Selectmen, Survéyors.***

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Edwin Bates, plough, . . . | $7 00 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, labor, . . . | 4 50 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 14 58 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, team, . . . | 16 75 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " . . . | 9 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | | $51 83 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | $51 83 | |
| Paid Frank H. Pratt, labor, . . . . | 5 25 | |
| Antone L. Joseph, labor, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, " . . . . | 5 50 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, team, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, gravel, . . . . | 21 25 | |
| William St. John, " . . . . | 38 50 | |
| Thomas Bates, gravel, . . . . | 9 92 | |
| Joseph E. Frates, stone, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . . | 1 75 | |
| | | $150 00 |
| Amount expended, . . . . . | | $2000 00 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 2000 00 |

## *Roads and Bridges.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Michael Brennock, labor, Border St., | $3 75 | |
| Joseph Battles, " " " | 3 75 | |
| John H. Morgan, " on Bridge . | 11 75 | |
| J. H. Morgan and McGough, labor, Br'ge | 19 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, Posts, Border St., . | 60 | |
| J. B. Moors, watering J. Road . . | 200 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson, Fence by W. Veale, . | 65 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 21 28 | |
| Thomas Loney, labor, . . . . | 2 00 | |
| I. C. Vinal & others, rep. Cove Br'ge, | 3 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, stone, " " . | 1 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, . . . . . | 5 75 | |
| James Pettee, labor, Bridge, Cedar St., | 4 30 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, on Bridges, . . | 1 00 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, . . | 10 98 | |
| Alex. W. Hayden, setting grate, Elm St., | 1 50 | |
| Thomas Reedy, labor, 1877, . . | 2 25 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, smithing, . . | 8 89 | |
| Geo. W. Cousens, labor, North Main St., | 4 67 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . | | $306 12 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $306 12 | |
| Paid Thomas Smith, team, N. Main St., . | 6 00 | |
| Alden Beal, labor on ledge, . . | 15 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 20 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 15 00 | |
| Almshouse men and teams, . . | 53 38 | |
| | | $415 50 |
| Deduct Almshouse . . . . . | | 53 38 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury . . . . . | | $362 12 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 500 00 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . . | | 84 50 |

## *Expenditures on School-Houses.*

### High School-Rooms.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles Henry, cleaning vault, . . | $3 00 | |
| Julia F. Henry, " rooms, . . | 12 66 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, cleaning, . . | 2 25 | |
| Andrew J. Souther, filling diplomas, . | 1 00 | |
| J. H. Bufford, diplomas . . . | 15 00 | |
| A. T. Bliss & Co., printing, . . | 11 50 | |
| S. D. Tower, slating, &c., . . | 9 80 | |
| Mrs. Edmund Bates, tuning piano, . | 2 00 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, repairs, . . . | 11 25 | |
| H. B. & W. O. Chamberlin, table, . | 12 00 | |
| E. P. Collier, stationery, . . . | 11 95 | |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 1 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing stoves, &c., . | 17 03 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, teaming, . . . | 3 00 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 18 50 | |
| | | $131 94 |

### North School-House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles Henry, cleaning vaults, . . | $3 00 | |
| Julia F. Henry, " rooms, . . | 10 17 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating, &c., . . | 5 75 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $18 92 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $18 92 | |
| Paid Elijah N. Barker, glazing &c., . . | 2 85 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, repairs, . . . | 11 00 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairs, clock, . | 2 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, stoves, &c., . | 2 88 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, . . | 5 78 | |
| Thomas Bates, grading, . . . | 3 30 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, crayons and ink, . | 8 65 | |
| | | $55 38 |

CENTER SCHOOL-HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles Henry, cleaning vaults, . | $3 00 | |
| Margaret Mulcahay, cleaning rooms, . | 8 00 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating, &c., . . | 5 95 | |
| Elijah N. Barker, labor and stock, . | 7 92 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, repairs, . . . | 13 30 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, stove, &c., . | 3 29 | |
| Tower Bros. A Co., lumber, . . | 10 31 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 9 75 | |
| | | $61 52 |

KING STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Williston, cleaning, . . . | $3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, stoves, &c., . | 3 07 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayon, &c., . | 5 00 | |
| | | $11 07 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL-HOUSE.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Marshall A. Lewis & Co., clock, . | $4 50 | |
| Louisa Beal, cleaning, . . . | 4 00 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating &c., . . | 4 55 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, stoves, &c., . | 2 00 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink and crayons, . | 2 65 | |
| | | $17 70 |

SOUTH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Cronican, cleaning, . . | $8 00 | |
| Lot Willcutt, grading, . . . | 1 50 | |
| Bela Stoddard, repairs in 1878, . | 8 75 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $18 25 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $18 25 | |
| Paid Samuel D. Tower, slating, &c., . | 7 00 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel, in 1878, . | 3 75 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 80 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, . . | 4 75 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, stoves, &c., . | 19 91 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, . . | 2 79 | |
| Edward E. Elms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 11 35 | |
| | | $68 60 |

HARBOR SCHOOL-HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Alex T. P. Prouty, brooms, crayons, &c., | $1 91 | |
| Ann Thomas, cleaning, . . . | 10 50 | |
| Catherine Gardner, cleaning, . . | 1 00 | |
| Alex. W. Hayden, mason, . . | 4 75 | |
| W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock, . | 1 00 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 95 | |
| | | $20 11 |

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL-HOUSE.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel D. Tower, slating, &c., . | $ 8 83 | |
| Harry Souther, repairing chair, . | 1 00 | |
| Addie L. Bogues, cleaning, . . | 8 00 | |
| Charles H. Wood, use of well, . . | 1 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, grading, . . . | 4 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, stoves, &c., . | 2 50 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, . . | 3 38 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 10 00 | |
| | | $39 21 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount expended on School-Houses, . . . | $405 53 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | 400 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | $5 53 |

## *School Appropriation.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treas. School Com., | $5000 00 |

### School Books.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, . . . . . | | $79 77 |

### *State and County Tax.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State tax, . . . . . | $ 640 00 | |
| County tax, . . . . . | 1680 39 | |
| | | 2320 39 |

### *Town Hall.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mary Desmond, cleaning, . . . | 40 | |
| John Burbank, grading, . . . | 1 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, grading, . . | 2 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, gravel, . . . | 1 00 | |
| Elijah N. Barker, glazing and stock, . | 3 55 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, repairs, . . . | 13 45 | |
| Daniel W. Pratt, labor and stock, . | 2 25 | |
| Samuel Bates, labor on stoves, . . | 10 44 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., lumber &c., . . | 5 17 | |
| Beal's Express, mirror, . . . | 4 25 | |
| Almshouse man and team, . . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $48 51 |
| Deduct for almshouse, . . . . . | | 5 00 |
| Amount drawn from Treasury, . . . . . | | 43 51 |

No appropriation.

### *Interest and Discount.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Interest on debt, . . . . . | $1562 34 | |
| Discount on taxes, . . . . . | 825 20 | |
| | | $2387 54 |
| Amount appropriated for interest, . . . . | | 1500 00 |
| " " " discount, . . . . | | 1000 00 |
| | | $2500 00 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . . | | 112 46 |

## *Public Library.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John W. Bates, Treasurer, . . . . . | $300 00 |
| No appropriation. | |
| Paid South Scituate Savings Bank mortgages on Philip D. Minot's houses and land on Beechwood Street, | $261 25 |
| No appropriation. | |

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## *Town Officers.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, Supt. Schools, . . | $200 00 | |
| Levi N. Bates, Treas. School Com., . | 25 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | 189 97 | |
| Philander Bates, Selectman and Assessor | 125 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " " " | 125 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr. Treasurer & Collector, | 200 00 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, Town Clerk, . | 30 00 | |
| Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, services as Constable, | 10 00 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " " " | 10 00 | |
| John E. Groce, " " " | 15 00 | |
| Isaac W. Beal, " " " | 10 00 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, " " " | 13 00 | |
| Joseph St. John, " " " | 9 00 | |
| | | $1011 97 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 1000 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | 11 97 |

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## *Miscellaneous.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Solomon J. Hayden, distributing reports, | $4 00 |
| Joanna N. Collier, copying records, | 90 00 |
| Israel C. Vinal, care of 44 tramps, | 22 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of 107 tramps, | 37 45 |
| John H. Burdakin, searching records, | 20 00 |
| D. J. Phair, " " | 3 00 |
| D. S. G. Doane, labor on clock, | 5 00 |
| E. Howard & Co., labor on clock, | 28 92 |
| Beal's Express, clock, | 1 30 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock, | 30 00 |
| Newcomb Bates, ringing bell, | 5 00 |
| Israel C. Vinal, and others, flag staff, | 5 00 |
| Tower Bros. & Co., rigging flag staff, | 1 12 |
| Joseph St. John, night-watch, | 16 50 |
| Beal's Express, | 19 30 |
| Thomas M. Smith, horse hire town officers, | 28 00 |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " | 20 50 |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairing hearse, | 19 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, " | 15 50 |
| Frank J. Damon, " | 1 50 |
| Charles A. Gross, postage and stationery, | 21 19 |
| C. W. S. Seymour, Groce case, 1878, | 2 50 |
| C. L. Kettrell, labor on pump, | 4 00 |
| Jonathan Cobb, Register of Probate, | 5 14 |
| Zaccheus Rich, return of 40 deaths, | 10 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of hall, | 21 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, truant officer, | 10 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, commissions on taxes abated, | 7 00 |
| Samuel Bates, stove for lockup, &c., | 22 00 |
| Newcomb B. Tower, recording births, deaths, &c., | 42 05 |
| Newcomb B. Tower, keys town hall, | 2 00 |
| Thomas M. Smith, teaming and telegram, | 2 48 |
| John E. Groce, extra services, | 10 00 |
| Isaac W. Beal, truant officer, | 10 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $542 45 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $542 45 |
| Paid Israel C. Vinal, extra services, | 5 50 |
| E. E. Wentworth, " | 2 00 |
| Almshouse, horse hire Selectmen, &c., | 5 00 |
| | $554 95 |
| Deduct almshouse, | 5 00 |
| Amount drawn from treasury, | $549 95 |
| Amount appropriated, | 550 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, | 4 95 |

## RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Removing snow, | $223 13 |
| State and miltary aid, | 607 00 |
| Abatements, | 365 50 |
| Repairs Jerusalem Road, | 805 67 |
| Fire department, | 618 93 |
| Printing, | 210 30 |
| Repairs Margin street, | 974 40 |
| Highways, | 2,000 00 |
| Roads and bridges, | 362 12 |
| Expenditure school-houses, | 405 53 |
| School appropriation, | 5,000 00 |
| School books, | 79 77 |
| State and county tax, | 2,320 39 |
| Town hall, | 43 51 |
| Interest and discount, | 2,387 54 |
| Public library. | 300 00 |
| Real estate bought, | 261 25 |
| Town officers, | 1,011 97 |
| Miscellaneous, | 549 95 |
| Overseers of Poor, | 5,788 51 |
| | $24,315 47 |

## *Financial Condition of the Town,*

FEBRUARY 2, 1880.

FUNDED DEBT, (ISSUE OF APRIL 1, 1863.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Savings Bank, Note due 1880, . . . | | $1000 00 |

(ISSUE OF MAY 1, 1876.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Zenas D. Lincoln, Note due 1881, . | $1,000 00 | |
| Charles Pratt, " " 1882, . | 1,000 00 | |
| Abraham H. Tower, " " 1883, . | 1,000 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, seven Notes due 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90 . | 7,000 00 | |
| | | $10,000 00 |

ISSUE OF APRIL 15, 1878.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bela Stoddard, . | Note due 1880, | . $600 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, . | " " " | . 200 00 | |
| David W. Whitcomb | " " " | . 200 00 | |
| Howard Pratt (two), | " " 1881, | . 1,000 00 | |
| Franklin J. Damon, | " " 1882, | .. 1,000 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, . | " " 1883, | . 500 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, | " " " | . 300 00 | |
| Alford Whittington, . | " " " | . 200 00 | |
| James Wilson, . | " " 1884, | . 1,000 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, . | " " 1885, | . 1,000 00 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, . | " " 1886, | . 500 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, . | " " " | . 500 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, . | " " 1887, | . 1,000 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, 3 notes, 1888, '89' 90, | | . 3,000 00 | |
| | | | $11,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Note, . | $500 00 | |
| Martha T. Bates, Note, . . . . | 1,600 00 | |
| Nancy S. Whitcomb, Note, . . . | 250 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, Note, . . . . | 200 00 | |
| Joseph F. Paul, Note, . . . . | 1,000 00 | |
| | | $3,550 00 |
| Amount of Interest-bearing debt, . . . | | $25,550 00 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from State for State Aid, | $613 50 |
| South Scituate, | 108 73 |
| James Dady, support of wife, | 449 41 |
| Mary J. Enos, | 347 00 |
| Sarah C. Koop, | 244 50 |
| Mary L. Mendoca, | 205 38 |
| Thomas Sheridan, | 17 55 |
| Town of Hingham, | 24 50 |
| Bourne & Nickerson | 9 05 |
| William Eddy and others, use of tools, | 7 13 |
| Due on Philip D. Minot's Estate, | 300 00 |
| Balance in Treasury | 2,947 58 |
| | $5,274 33 |

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|---|---|
| Amount of interest-bearing debt, | $25,550 00 |
| " of assets | 5,274 33 |
| | $20,275 67 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

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## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1879.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand, February 1, 1879, | $1,877 50 |
| Paid Nancy Nichols, wages, | 98 00 |
| Patrick Bergan, " | 156 00 |
| William O. Souther, salary, | 304 20 |
| " " sundry bills, | 71 88 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, | 94 11 |
| Estate Howard Pratt, " | 13 11 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $2,614 80 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | $2,614 80 |
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . . . . | 70 11 |
| Charles A. Gross, " . . . . . | 106 87 |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . . . . . | 66 19 |
| Herbert L. Brown, " . . . . . | 45 57 |
| David B. Tower, " . . . . . | 29 65 |
| Samuel P. Stoddard, " . . . . . | 45 96 |
| William W. Bates, " . . . . . | 16 04 |
| Herbert A. Tilden, " . . . . . | 44 53 |
| William F. Thayer, beef, . . . . . | 63 12 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, . . . . . | 148 16 |
| Daniel Taylor, fish, . . . . . | 27 46 |
| Philandar Bates, boots and shoes, . . . . | 12 77 |
| John Souther, cobbling, . . . . . | 19 75 |
| Weatherbee & Beal, dry goods, . . . . | 5 73 |
| Frances H. Nichols, " " . . . . . | 18 89 |
| Samuel Bates, tin ware, &c., . . . . . | 38 93 |
| Frank J. Damon, smithing, . . . . . | 24 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, " . . . . . | 14 35 |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 13 91 |
| Mass. Ploughman . . . . . | 2 70 |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance . . . . | 10 00 |
| F. W. Browne, medicine, . . . . . | 1 00 |
| Tower Bros & Co., coal and lumber, . . . . | 57 71 |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . . . | 9 52 |
| Thomas Beal, repairing harness, . . . . | 5 25 |
| Edward E. Ellms, seeds, &c., . . . . . | 3 65 |
| C. F. B. Tilden, pigs and horse hire, . . . | 4 75 |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " " . . . . | 11 25 |
| Ezekiel James, labor, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| John Burbank, " . . . . . | 10 75 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, labor, . . . . . | 7 95 |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., " . . . . . | 10 50 |
| Thomas Willcutt, repairs, . . . . . | 16 00 |
| Ziba C. Small, repairs and stock, . . . . | 24 25 |
| Daniel W. Pratt, repairs and stock, . . . . | 5 61 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | $3,612 68 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $3,612 68 |
| Paid Caleb Lincoln, ploughing, | 4 50 |
| Thomas M. Smith, Hayden's fare, | 55 |
| Braman, Souther & Co., bedsteads, | 8 35 |
| Overseer's services, | 65 00 |
| | $3,691 08 |

## *Stock at Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1880.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 Turkeys, | $16 50 | Tin, earthen, and stone ware, | 35 00 |
| 42 Hens, | 21 00 | Stoves and fixtures, | 60 00 |
| 2 Pigs, | 12 00 | 550 lbs. salt pork, | 55 00 |
| 3 Cows, | 125 00 | 107 lbs. ham, | 12 84 |
| 1 Horse, | 100 00 | 108 lbs. lard, | 11 88 |
| 2 Horse carts, | 65 00 | 200 lbs. salt beef, | 18 00 |
| 1 Express wagon, | 75 00 | 130 lbs. fresh beef, | 16 00 |
| 1 Farm wagon, | 75 00 | Groceries, | 30 00 |
| 1 Hay wagon, | 10 00 | 1 1-2 bbls. flour, | 14 25 |
| 2 Wheelbarrows, | 9 00 | 3 pecks white beans, | 1 50 |
| 1 Sled, | 5 00 | 35 galls. vinegar, | 8 75 |
| 1 Harrow, | 11 00 | 50 bush. potatoes, | 30 00 |
| 3 Ploughs, | 13 00 | 5 bush. beets, | 4 50 |
| 2 Cart harnesses, | 30 00 | 8 " carrots, | 4 00 |
| 1 Wagon harness, | 18 00 | 50 " turnips, | 25 00 |
| 1 Lead harness, | 12 00 | 1 1-2 tons mangolds, | 15 00 |
| Robes and blanket, | 3 00 | Grain and bags, | 9 60 |
| Chains, &c., | 10 00 | Paint, oil, and brushes, | 4 50 |
| Drills, hammers, &c., | 25 00 | 7 tons English hay, | 140 00 |
| Carpenter's tools, | 4 50 | 1 1-2 tons salt hay, | 15 00 |
| Saws, axes, and hatchets, | 8 00 | 1-2 ton oat straw, | 10 00 |
| Grind-stone, | 1 00 | Lot manure, | 60 00 |
| Farming tools, | 30 00 | 4 cords hard wood, | 24 00 |
| Lumber, | 10 00 | 1 cord pine wood, | 5 00 |
| 1 Drag, | 1 00 | 4 cords trash, | 12 00 |
| Casks and barrels, | 17 75 | 1 ton coal, | 6 50 |
| Household furniture, | 350 00 | 53 lbs. shoulders, | 5 30 |
| Wooden ware, | 25 00 | | |
| Cutlery, spoons, &c., | 12 00 | | |
| Crockery and glass ware, | 26 00 | | $1,754 37 |

## *Almshouse Account of Sales and Labor.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Town of Hull, board of pauper, | | $38 29 |
| Milk, potatoes, sold, | | 82 81 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, calves, &c., | | 23 85 |
| Rent from David Vinal's house, | | 25 00 |
| " Mary E. Mendoca's house, | | 6 25 |
| Removing snow, | | 13 50 |
| Labor of teams on streets, | | 173 63 |
| | | $363 33 |
| Amount of stock on hand, | $1,754 37 | |
| " sales and labor, | 363 33 | |
| | | $2,117 70 |
| Debit brought forward, | | 3,691 08 |
| Credit " " | | 2,117 70 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, | | $1,573 38 |
| Expense of inmates at almshouse, for 473 weeks, at $3.32$\frac{302}{473}$, amounts to | | 1,573 38 |

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## *Support and Relief of Persons Outside of Almshouse.*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1880.

SARAH C. KOOP.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on treasury, | $92 00 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., coal, | 16 00 | |
| | | $108 00 |

MARY J. ENOS AND HUSBAND.

| | |
|---|---|
| Orders on treasury, | 120 00 |

HANNAH WHEELWRIGHT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Lewis L. Wheelwright, | 84 00 |

MYRA GARDNER.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Ephraim Battles, | 78 00 |

### Oliver Henderson and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid City of Newburyport, . . . | $11 40 | |
| Orders on treasury, . . . . . | 32 00 | |
| | | $43 40 |

### Frank Kent.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Isaac Kent, . . . . . | | 105 00 |
| Paid Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester, for Elizabeth J. Dady, . . . . . | | 173 29 |
| Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for Josephine E. Bates, | | 166 02 |
| " " " " John J. Lothrop, Jr. | | 184 16 |
| " " " " William Kilburn, . | | 181 81 |
| " " " " William Taylor, . | | 202 48 |
| " " " " Lot Willcutt, . | | 32 84 |
| Tewksbury Almshouse, Augusta Silva, | $86 14 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, expenses Augusta Silva, | 7 75 | |
| | | $93 89 |

### Frank Pearson and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . | $91 46 | |
| Alex. T. Prouty, " . . | 14 87 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . . | 2 90 | |
| William F. Thayer, meat, . . . | 20 79 | |
| | | $130 02 |

### Henry Ainslie and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . | $61 91 | |
| F. W. Browne, medicine, . . . | 10 75 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 43 00 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meat, . . | 26 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, milk, . . . | 10 71 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . . | 12 30 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, medicine, . . | 5 70 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal and flour, . | 23 25 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, burial expenses, . . | 18 00 | |
| Orders to Mrs. Ainslie on treasury, . | 84 00 | |
| | | $295 62 |

### William Hayden and Wife.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . | $38 46 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meat, . . | 13 97 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal, . . . | 7 50 | |
| | | $59 93 |

### Manuel Silva.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . . . | | $15 23 |

### Mary L. Mendoca.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . | 1 00 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., " . . | 92 50 | |
| | | $93 50 |

### Hannah L. Cushing.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Bedford, . . . . . | $160 35 | |
| S. H. Winckley, . . . . . | 19 50 | |
| | | $179 85 |

### Hannah L. Stoddard.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Est. Howard Pratt, groceries, . . | $ 7 91 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . . | 35 00 | |
| William W. Bates, " . . | 14 50 | |
| | | $57 31 |

### John Ney and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries, . . | $15 30 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . . | 8 00 | |
| William F. Thayer, meat, . . . | 12 85 | |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . | 43 00 | |
| Martha J. Bates, nursing, . . . | 33 00 | |
| | | $112 15 |

### Isaac H. Tower and Family.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Alex. T. Prouty, groceries, . . | $10 01 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . . | 80 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., wood, . . . | 4 88 | |
| | | $15 69 |

GEORGE TAYLOR AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert A. Tilden, groceries, . . . . | | $21 00 |

ELOISE E. LINCOLN AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . . . | | $10 00 |

MRS. JOHN MCCORMICK AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . . | $ 8 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . . | 9 90 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal, . . | 16 25 | |
| | | $34 15 |

DEBORAH KILBURN AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . . | $163 50 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co.,coal, . . . | 10 50 | |
| | | $174 00 |

PETER JOSEPH AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Francis L. Pratt, groceries, . . | $ 2 38 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal and groceries. | 40 68 | |
| | | $43 06 |

CHARLES JOSEPH AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Francis L. Pratt, Groceries, . . . . | | $5 00 |

PATRICK MULCAHAY AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal and flour, . . . | | $27 63 |

JOHN TYRER AND WIFE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles A. Gross, groceries, . . . . . | | $76 57 |

ADDIE L. BOGUES AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries, . . | $89 58 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal, . . . | 6 75 | |
| | | $96 33 |

SUSAN MEEKER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries, . . . . . | | $21 77 |

HARRIET J. APTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries, . . . . . | | $9 79 |

LEVI H. DOW.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Zaccheus Rich, burial expenses, . . | $23 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 10 00 | |
| | | $33 00 |

EDWARD H. ARNOLD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal and groceries, . . | $17 00 |

JOSEPH E. SMITH AND FAMILY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid William F. Thayer, meat, . . . . . | $10 78 |
| Paid City of Boston, for Mary Kent and Family, . . | $125 37 |
| " " " Elizabeth J. Nichols, . . | 36 00 |
| " " " Jane O'Connor, . . . | 13 50 |
| " " " Eunice Sterling, . . . | 64 00 |
| " " " Abigail B. Orcutt, . . . | 43 00 |

SUSAN WATERS AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William W. Bates, groceries, . . | $12 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal, . . . . | 7 50 | |
| | | $24 50 |

SARAH E. POWERS AND CHILDREN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid City of Taunton, . . . . . | $63 69 |

JULIA HENRY AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal and flour, . | $37 75 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . . . | 4 40 | |
| | | $42 15 |

CHARLES H. LITCHFIELD AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William W. Bates, groceries, . . | $23 83 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., cloth, . . | 4 44 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| | | $36 27 |

W. H. H. BATES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . | $17 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, " " . | 32 00 | |
| F. W. Brown, medicine, . . . . | 3 25 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, burial of four children, | 72 00 | |
| | | $124 25 |

WILLIAM H. LITCHFIELD AND FAMILY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Scituate, . . . . | $168 90 | |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., groceries, . | 5 50 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., coal, . . . | 4 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 20 00 | |
| | | $198 40 |
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, | $51 60 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . . | 15 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | 15 00 | |
| | | $3964 98 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount due from James Dady, . . | $173 29 | |
| " " Town of So. Scituate, | 57 31 | |
| " " " of Hingham, . | 102 50 | |
| " " " Stoneham, . | 33 00 | |
| " " State for State paupers, | 52 29 | |
| " " Mary J. Enos, . . | 120 00 | |
| " " Sarah C. Koop, . . | 108 00 | |
| Mary L. Mendoca, . . . . . | 93 50 | |
| | | $739 89 |
| Amount of expenses at Almshouse, . . . | | $1573 38 |
| " " outside . . . . . | | 3964 98 |
| | | $5538 36 |
| Deduct outside credit, . . . . . | | 739 89 |
| | | $4798 47 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 3500 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | $1298 47 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

## ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of debt, | $2000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, | 1500 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1000 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 4000 00 |
| Support of Schools, and repairs on School-Houses, and Salaries of Superintendent and Treasurer of School Committee, | 6000 00 |
| For Removing Snow, | 300 00 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 400 00 |
| Repairs of Highways, | 2000 00 |
| Town Officers, | 800 00 |
| Printing, | 200 00 |
| Fire Department, | 200 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 550 00 |
| | $18,950 00 |

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## TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

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|---|---|---|
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1st, 1878, | | $1,517,875 00 |
| " of Personal Estate, " " | | 949,451 00 |
| | | $2,467,326 00 |
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1st, 1879, | | $1,542,418 00 |
| " of Personal Estate " " | | 996,084 00 |
| | | $2,538,502 00 |
| Increase in valuation in 1879, | | $71,176 00 |
| Number of Polls, | 585 | |
| Tax on Polls and Estates, | | $20,211 02 |
| Rate per cent. on $1,000, | $7 50 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Dwelling-houses, May 1, 1879, | | | | 523 |
| " " Horses, | " | " | | 242 |
| " " Cows, | " | " | | 248 |
| " " Sheep, | " | " | | 12 |
| " " Acres of Land taxed, | | " | | 5852 |

## LIST OF JURORS

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town at its Annual Town Meeting, to be held March 1, 1880.

Thomas Bates,
Philander Bates,
Thomas A. Bates,
Adna Bates,
Loring Bates,
George Bates,
Allen C. Bates,
Thomas D. Blossom,
Walter S. Beal,
William H. Beal,
George W. Cousens,
Charles G. Crockett,
John M. Damon,
Joshua W. Davis,
Stephen D. Farrar,
Galen James,
George O. Higgins,
Levi L. Worrick, Jr.
George W. Kimball,
Charles L. Kittrell,
Caleb Lincoln,
Louis N. Lincoln,
Richard W. Lothrop,
Waldo C. Locke,
Robert B. Pratt,
C. James Pratt,
John L. Pratt,
Eben S. Pratt,
Samuel E. Pratt,
Ziba C. Small,
Franklin Stoddard,
Richard W. Sankey,
A. H. Tower, Jr.,
Otis S. Wilbur,
Daniel Tower,
Lewis Willcutt.

## LIST OF JURYMEN.

Drawn during the Year ending March 1, 1880.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| March 27, 1879, | J. Foster Doane, | Grand Juror. |
| April 7, 1879, | Ira B. Pratt, | Superior Court, |
| April 17, 1879, | Aaron Pratt, | " " |
| August 27, 1879, | Alden Beal, | " " |
| Sept. 11, 1879, | James Pettee, | " " |
| Nov. 28, 1879, | Daniel B. Lincoln, | " " |
| Dec. 17, 1879, | Zaccheus Rich, | " " |
| Feb. 2, 1880, | Oliver H. Bates, | Supreme Jud. Court. |

## ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, March 1, 1880.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law.

Article 4. What sum of money will the Town raise for the Support of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Support of the Poor, Payment of Debt, Interest, and other necessary charges for the current year. Also, will the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of Taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

Article 5. In what manner will the Town Collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

Article 7. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 8. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 9. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the hill near and easterly of Dwelling House of Francis L. Bates, on Beechwood Street, or act thereon.

Article 10. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the condition of Strait's Pond, and join with the Town of Hull in said improvement, or act on anything relating thereto.

Article 11. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Jerusalem Road near Dwelling House of Edward D. Peters, or act thereon.

Article 12. Will the Town cause a new Fire Engine to be purchased, or act thereon.

Article 13. What sum of money will the Town raise and

appropriate to improve the Bridge and Street at Merchant's Dam on Border Street, or act thereon.

Article 14. To hear the Report of the Selectmen upon building a Reservoir on the Common, and repairing Receiving Tomb, and act thereon.

Article 15. What action will the Town take in relation to care of Tramps and Town Hall, or act thereon.

Article 16. To hear the Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act thereon, and elect three Trustees for the year ensuing.

Article 17. To hear the Report of any Committee, and act thereon.

Article 18. Will the Town exempt from Taxation for a term of years the stock, fixtures and buildings required for the manufacture of Boots and Shoes, Cotton or Woolen goods, or act thereon.

Article 19. Will the Town cause Hook and Ladder to be furnished in the Beechwood District for extinguishing Fires, or act thereon.

Article 20. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair Cedar street, or act thereon.

Article 21. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to remove part of a ledge on North Main street, west of dwelling house of John Barnes, or act thereon.

Article 22. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the road at the corner of Elm and South Main streets, near Post Office, or act thereon.

Article 23. Will the Town permit Thomas J. M. Smith, heirs of Nathaniel Nichols and Joseph B. Lincoln, to move their fences upon Jerusalem road, or act thereon.

Article 24. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a sidewalk on south side of Summer street, between the dwellings of Alex. W. Hayden and Elisha Stetson, or act thereon.

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in Account with

1879–80.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's orders drawn to date, | | $13,635 04 |
| Assessors orders for abatement of taxes, | | 365 50 |
| State aid and relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, | | 607 00 |
| Town's Appropriation for Schools, | | 5000 00 |
| Additional items on School account, | | 474 70 |
| Discount on taxes, as paid to Sept. 1, 1879, | | 825 20 |
| State Tax for 1879, | | 640 00 |
| County Tax for 1879, | | 1680 39 |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, funded note, | | 1000 00 |
| Hingham National Bank, " " | | 1000 00 |
| Hired money in anticipation of taxes, | | 6000 00 |
| Interest on Town's notes, | | 1562 34 |
| | | $32,790 17 |
| Balance in Treasury, viz: | | |
| Unpaid Taxes, | $2,115 91 | |
| Cash, | 831 67 | |
| | | $2,947 58 |
| | | $35,737 75 |

COHASSET, FEBRUARY 2, 1880.

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We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correctly cast, and properly vouched.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer, Cr.

1879–1880.

| | |
|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury from former account, | $3,432 25 |
| Received of State Treas. State Aid and Relief, 1879, | 444 98 |
| " " National Bank Tax, " | 859 02 |
| " " Corporation Tax, " | 1,386 72 |
| " " State Paupers, " | 52 29 |
| " " Income Mass., School Fund, 1879, | 191 80 |
| " Norfolk County Treas. dog licenses, 1879. | 171 50 |
| " " " " discount on tax, 1879, | 22 40 |
| " Town of Hull, support of paupers, 1878 and 1879, | 336 29 |
| " " of Scituate, " Brown and Sylvia, " | 61 99 |
| " " of Randolph, " Mary Hall, 1878, | 39 00 |
| " " of Stoneham, burial expenses L. Dow, | 33 00 |
| " " of Hingham, for support of M. Gardner, | 78 00 |
| " James Dady, on acct. support of insane wife, at Hospital, | 150 00 |
| " John J. Lothrop, support of Son, in full, | 503 27 |
| " G. P. Pratt, M. D., for town of Scituate, bill, | 50 00 |
| " Louis N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, | 32 00 |
| " Rent of Offices at Harbor School-House, 1879. | 60 00 |
| " " David Vinal's house, 1879, | 24 50 |
| " " Philip D. Minot's house, 1879, | 29 00 |
| " " Manuel F. Mendoca's house, | 4 17 |
| " Wm. Beal, Highway Surveyor, for use of Town teams, | 15 00 |
| " Almshouse, sales of produce, &c., | 90 48 |
| " Interest of Ripley Fund, 1879, | 40 40 |
| " " on Bank deposite fees on del'q't taxes, &c., | 82 17 |
| " Non-Residents for schooling, | 71 00 |
| " Hingham National Bank, hired money, | 4000 00 |
| " New England Trust Co., " " | 2000 00 |
| " John H. Morgan, Demand Note, | 200 00 |
| " Joseph F. Paul, " " | 1000 00 |
| " Tax List for 1879, | 20,276 52 |
| | $35,737 75 |

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

## *Town of Cohasset in Account with School Committee.*

*Dr.*

1879–80.

HIGH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $1,000 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 600 00 | |
| | | $1,660 00 |
| H. T. P. Bates, care of rooms and fires, | $18 00 | |
| George Mapes, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 13 50 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 18 00 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . | 8 45 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 45 14 | |
| | | $103 09 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | $340 00 | |
| | | $340 00 |
| A. M. Beal, care of room and fire, . | 6 00 | |
| H. D. Hyde, 5 cords hard wood, prepared and housed, . . . | 40 00 | |
| H. D. Hyde, 2 cords pine wood, prepared and housed, . . . | 13 00 | |
| | | $59 00 |

NORTH SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar school teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| E. E. Tower, 1 cord wood, . . | $5 00 | |
| D. W. Ready, labor on wood, . . | 3 00 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, " " . . | 3 00 | |
| | $11 00 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* . . . . | | $2,782 09 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amounts brought forward,* . . . | $11 00 | $2,782 09 |
| Paid Thomas F. Ready, labor on wood, . | 2 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, 4 cords hard wood, at $6.50, . . . . . | 26 00 | |
| T. F. Ready, care of room and fires, | 12 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " . | 6 00 | |
| | | $57 50 |

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar school teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| H. J. Souther, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| William Hayden, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 3 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 13 75 | |
| | | $25 25 |

SOUTH SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar school teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary school teacher, . . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $620 00 |
| S. D. Tower, 1 cord wood, . . | $6 00 | |
| C. James Nichols, 1 cord pine wood, | 5 50 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . | 7 80 | |
| A. Brennock, care of rooms and fires, | 12 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 31 06 | |
| | | $68 36 |

BEECHWOOD SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar school teacher, . . | $450 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 280 00 | |
| | | $730 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | | $4,903 20 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $4,903 20 |
| Paid L. W. Bates, 6 cords hard wood, at $6.25, . . . . . | 37 50 | |
| L. W. Bates, 1 cord pine wood, . | 4 50 | |
| L. W. Bates, labor on wood, . . | 19 50 | |
| J. Q. Litchfield, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Teachers, care of rooms and fires, . | 6 00 | |
| | | $77 50 |

HARBOR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $280 00 |
| Sol. J. Hayden, care of room and fire, | $6 00 | |
| Teacher, " " " . | 3 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 12 85 | |
| | | $21 85 |

KINGS STREET SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| J. Burbank, labor on wood, . . | $1 50 | |
| S. G. James 1-2, cord pine wood, . | 2 50 | |
| E. L. James, labor on wood, . . | 4 00 | |
| John Burbank, care of room and fire, | 9 00 | |
| R. T. Burbank, 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 00 | |
| | | $22 00 |

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid N. E. Furnishing Co., globe, . . | $4 00 | |
| W. J. Nowell, paper, . . . | 2 40 | |
| J. C. Haynes & Co., singing books, . | 4 50 | |
| Thompson, Brown & Co., text books, | 16 31 | |
| J. L. Shorey, school nursery, . . | 9 60 | |
| A. L. Bliss & Co., printing, . . | 1 00 | |
| Nichols & Hall, 1 doz. botanies, . | 9 00 | |
| A. A. Souther, drawing books, . | 2 04 | |
| John A. Boyle, Cutter's Charts, . | 12 00 | |
| N. E. News Co., Wentworth's Problems, . . . . . | 5 09 | |
| | | $65 94 |
| | | $5,710 49 |

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|---|---|---|
| By Unexpended balance of last year, . | $88 78 | |
| Town appropriation, . . . | 5,000 00 | |
| State School Fund, . . . . | 191 80 | |
| Norfolk County, dog licenses, . . | 171 50 | |
| Ripley School Fund, . . . | 40 40 | |
| Tuition of non-resident pupils, . . | 71 00 | |
| | $5,563 48 | |
| Due from town to balance account, . | 147 01 | |
| | | $5,710 45 |

L. N. BATES,

*Treasurer of the School Committee.*

# LIST OF

# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

## Registered in Cohasset for the Year, 1879.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

### MARRIAGES.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. | 5, | George W. Mealy<br>Charlotte O. Snow | Troy, N. Y.<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| Apr. | 2, | John Barker<br>Cora B. Simes | Cohasset<br>Boston | Married in Boston by Rev. Alexander Blakie. |
| " | 10, | Thomas W. Whitcomb,<br>Marion S. Brown | Cohasset<br>So. Abington | Married in So. Abington by Rev. F. P. Tompkins. |
| May | 1, | Edwin G. Stewart<br>Bertha L. Lincoln | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| June | 7, | George F. Munnies<br>Mary A. Cassidy | Cohasset<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Silas Sprowls. |
| " | 15, | John S. Leonard<br>Mary A. Paul | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. P. J. Leddy. |
| " | 29, | Atwood I. Ainslie<br>Sarah Haskell | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| July | 20, | George O. Burbank<br>Etta B. Merritt | Cohasset<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| Sept. | 3, | Robert G. Watt<br>Maria J. Beal | W. Roxbury<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " | 23, | Edmund Q. S. Osgood<br>Mary H. Tower | Plymouth<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 23, | John F. Dalby<br>Jennie Martin | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Oct. | 28, | Albert C. Goodwin<br>Ruth E. McKay | Hingham<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 30, | Albert G. Safford<br>Clara M. Small | Plymouth<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| Nov. | 5, | Lincoln Barnes<br>Emma Studley | Hingham<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 10, | Edwin B. Studley<br>Sarah F. Totman | Cohasset<br>Hingham | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 16, | George L. Litchfield<br>Nettie E. Spooner | Cohasset<br>Scituate | Married in So. Scituate by Rev. Wm. H. Fish. |
| " | 25, | Leroy Mott<br>Mary E. Thomas | Scituate<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev Granville Yager. |

**MARRIAGES.—Continued.**

| Date. | NAMES. | Residence. | Where and by Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 27, | John E. Kinsley<br>Mary R. Ainslie | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. P. J. Leddy. |
| " 27, | Joas C. Henriques<br>Mary A. Fraites | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. P. J. Leddy. |
| " 29, | Joseph P. Pimentel<br>Catharine Pimentel | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Jno. D. Colbert. |
| Dec. 17, | Quincy A. Lothrop<br>Addie F. Beal | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Chelsea by Rev. Wm. F. Bacon. |
| " 25, | Albert M. Litchfield<br>Priscilla G. Bates | Scituate<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " 28, | James W. Hoiland<br>Bridget Allen | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Jno. D. Colbert. |

During the year 1879 there were Twenty-three marriages registered in the town — as per list above — and during the same time Twenty-eight Certificates of Intention of Marriage were issued from this office.

## BIRTHS—1879.

| Date. | | Names. | Parents Name. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 31, | Mabel Everett Ellms | Edwd. E. and Corinna A | So. Main St. |
| Feb. | 6, | Henry Edward Sweeney, | John and Bridget | Bow " |
| " | 6, | Kenneth Beal | Arthur E. and Sarah P | No. Main " |
| " | 6, | Grace Warren Earle | Josiah W. and Sarah A | Jerusalem Road. |
| " | 8, | William Otis Souther | William O. and Orianna A | King St. |
| " | 8, | *Lura Maria Tilden | Herbert A. and Lura M | So. Main St. |
| Mar. | 6, | Mary Mulhern | Matthew and Maggie | Jerusalem Road. |
| " | 21, | Samuel Boynton Bates | Philander and Priscilla B | So. Main St. |
| " | 26, | *Lewis Lincoln James | Galen and Hannah | King St. |
| April | 1, | George Herndon Reed | William H. and Catherine | " " |
| " | 2, | Charles Irving Sylvia | Manuel and Maria E | Margin St. |
| " | 8, | Henry Lewis Bates | Henry L. and Amelia | Beechwood St. |
| " | 9, | Mary Elizabeth Foley | William and Margaret | Border " |
| " | 17, | Annie Leonora White | William and Mary | " " |
| " | 19, | Mary Frances Arnold | Edward H. and Alesia J | Scituate. |
| May | 1, | Benjamin Howard Pratt | Ira B. and Mary N | Beechwood St. |
| " | 11, | Martha Alma Wilson Prouty | Andrew H. and Isabel F | Pleasant " |
| June | 5, | Edgar Russell Bates | Lot W. and Sarah J | Beechwood " |
| " | 10, | Harold Bates Cousens | Charles A. and Doborah A | Elm " |
| " | 22, | Samuel Hardwick | Samuel V. and Catharine | No. Main " |
| July | 6, | William Francis Mulcahy | Thomas Jr. and Mary | Pleasant " |
| " | 14, | Clara Edith Stoddard | Franklin and Ellen W | Church " |
| " | 17, | *Sankey | Richard W. and Bethia | Summer " |
| " | 26, | *Michael Patrick Haley | Matthew and Mary | Pleasant " |
| Aug. | 2, | Lucretia Frances Tilden | Amos E. and Mary E | Border " |
| " | 13, | Ernestine Lincoln | David B. and Eloise E | Jerusalem " |
| " | 19, | *Evvie Porter Beal | David P. and Evvie A | Hull St. |
| Sept. | 3, | Lillian Elizabeth Martin | Frank F. and Mary E | Border St. |
| " | 6, | Albert Gracia | Manuel and Mary | " " |
| " | 7, | Sprowls | Silas and Henrietta | Hull " |
| " | 8, | Sadie Lee Apts | William W. and Henrietta | Church " |
| " | 11, | Laura Victoria Leonard | Manuel S. and Rita V | Elm St. |
| " | 14, | Patrick Timothy Donovan | John and Mary J | Pleasant St. |
| " | 16, | Frank L. Browne } Twins | Frank W. and Sarah W | Elm " |
| " | 16, | Ellen Wales Browne } Twins | | |
| " | 16, | Nettie May Taylor | Wiliiam A. and Susanna | Church " |
| " | 28, | George Lester Smith | Charles C. and Katie | Pleasant " |
| " | 28, | Annie Henrietta Agevado | Manuel and Leopolina | Border " |
| Oct. | 6, | Arthur Joseph Silva | Antoine J. and Annie S | Snow Place. |
| " | 26, | Margaret Elisabeth Dalton | James and Margaret | Pleasant St. |
| " | 30, | Henry Lawrence Litchfield | Edward H. and Anna R | Beechwood St. |
| " | 30, | Chester Thomas Bates | Lorenzo D. and Carrie F | No. Main " |
| Nov. | 4, | Percival Snow Nichols | James H. and Ruth N | Beach " |
| " | 10, | Amelia Silva Cadose | Levi and Mary | Margin " |
| " | 14, | Honora Margaret Corbett | Thomas and Ellen | " " |
| " | 24, | George Perry Valine | Manuel P. and Sarah E | " " |
| " | 27, | Frank Sylvia | Manuel and Isabel | Church " |
| " | 27, | Thomas Roche | John Jr. and Mary H | Bow " |
| Dec. | 3, | Daniel Dennis Desmond | Daniel and Mary | Border " |
| " | 6, | Marian Montgomery | Winslow L. and Bessie | Elm " |
| " | 12, | Ellery Francis Ainslie | George W. and Belinda J | Beechwood " |
| " | 14, | Elijah Franklin Lincoln | Isaiah and Martha S | " " |
| " | 19, | Bessie Eldora Bates | Elmer E. and Zoa A | " " |
| 1876. | | | | |
| Feb. | 22, | Lucy Russell Morey | Oliver D. and Mary S | So. Main St. |
| 1878. | | | | |
| Feb. | 17, | Guy Clinton Smith | Charles C. and Katie | Pleasant St. |
| Mar. | 24, | Daniel Webster Morey | Oliver D. and Mary S | " " |
| Nov. | 21, | Antoine Silva | Manuel and Anna | Spring " |

*Not living at the end of the year — see list of Deaths.

The above list contains the names of fifty-seven children — fifty-three born in 1879, three in 1878 and one in 1876.

Of those born in 1879 twenty-nine were males and twenty-four females, with parentage as follows :

| | |
|---|---|
| American, | 30 |
| Foreign, | 11 |
| Am. father and For. mother, | 6 |
| For. father and Am. mother, | 6 |

## DEATHS—1879.

| Date. | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 3, | 1Sarah (Consadine) Mulcahy. | 43 | | | Cancer Uteri | Pleasant St. |
| Feb. 3, | Carrie M. Smith | 17 | 6 | | Pul. Phthisis | " " |
| " 23, | 2Levi H. Dow | 39 | 4 | 21 | Dropsy | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 25, | Susan (Stoddard) Hancock | 77 | | 18 | Typhoid Fever | So. Main St. |
| " 27, | David G. Renshaw | 4 | 5 | 4 | Scarlet Fever | Elm " |
| Mar. 5, | Gabriel Renshaw | 2 | 3 | 11 | " " | " " |
| " 21, | Howard Pratt | 70 | 4 | 1 | Acute Rheumatism | Beechwood " |
| " 23, | Marshall Bourne | 68 | | | Apoplexy | Elm " |
| " 25, | 3Amelia R. Silvia | 20 | 5 | | Phthisis | Snow Place. |
| " 30, | 3Frank F. Silvia | | 11 | 13 | Meningitis | Margin St. |
| Apr. 10, | 2Albert W. Beal | 28 | | | Typhoid Fever | Hull " |
| " 15, | Mary N. (Farrow) Bates | 57 | 3 | 17 | Apoplexy | No. Main St. |
| " 24, | Walter L. Pratt | 3 | 10 | | Membrane Croup | Beechwood St |
| " 25, | Lura M. Tilden | | 2 | 20 | Convulsions | So. Main " |
| May 10, | Susan Orcutt | 86 | 9 | 21 | Old Age | Pleasant " |
| " 11, | Ennice Lincoln | 83 | 10 | | Gangrene | No. Main " |
| " 18, | Ruth N. (Pratt) Pratt | 71 | 10 | 16 | General Debility | So. Main " |
| " 23, | 2M. Henry Ainslie | 44 | 11 | | Brights Disease | Margin " |
| June 22, | John C. Anderson | 17 | 4 | | Drowned | So. Main " |
| July 15, | Susanna W. (Hewes) Doane | 87 | 3 | | Old Age | No. Main " |
| " 17, | Sankey | | 1 hour | | Infantile | Summer " |
| " 31, | 4William L. Saxton | 24 | 1 | 25 | Gunshot Wound | Jerusalem Road. |
| Aug. 2, | Lucretia F. Otis | 29 | 2 | 9 | Brights Disease | Border St. |
| " 5, | Warren Willcutt | 77 | 5 | 14 | Chron. Bronchitis | Summer " |
| " 12, | Lewis L. James | | 4 | 17 | Infantile | King " |
| " 28, | Evvie P. Beal | | | 9 | Heart Disease | Hull " |
| Sept. 13, | Zenas Stoddard | 85 | | 18 | Exhaustion | Elm " |
| " 15, | 1Michael P. Haley | | 1 | 20 | Dysentery | Pleasant St. |
| " 17, | Mabel T. Pratt | 6 | 6 | 21 | Cer. Sp. Meningitis | Spring St. |
| " 24, | 5Eliza M. (Curtis) Kneeland | 62 | | | Diabetes | Jerusalem Road. |
| Oct. 5, | Harriet E. Bates | 10 | 11 | | Diphtheria | King St. |
| " 6, | Martha J. Bates | 14 | 1 | | " | " " |
| " 8, | Anna Bates | 7 | 10 | | " | " " |
| Nov. 2, | Stephen T. Bates | 12 | 7 | | " | " " |
| " 9, | Aaron Nichols | 84 | 1 | 5 | Cong of Brain | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 11, | Joseph E. Smith | 2 | 1 | 6 | Dropsy | Beechwood St. |
| " 17, | 3Mary (Hurly) Donavan | 30 | | | Peritonitis | Margin " |
| " 17, | 3 Donavan, | | | | Stillborn | " " |
| " 25, | Lillias J. Pratt | 59 | 2 | 6 | Lupus Exceedens | Beechwood " |
| Dec. 5, | Jonathan B. Bates | 84 | 9 | | Debility | Elm " |
| " 15, | Emily Hollis | 77 | | 14 | Pneumonia | No. Main " |
| " 26, | Martha N. (Bates) Jenkins | 68 | 8 | | Acute Bronchitis | So. Main " |
| " 28, | Joseph H. Smith | 62 | 10 | 5 | Heart Disease | No. Main " |

1. Buried at Quincy.
2. " " Hingham.
3. " " Scituate.
4. Buried at Boston.
5. " " Cambridge.

There were forty-three deaths in this town during the year 1879 — as per list above — twenty-two males and twenty-one females. Average age about 37 years 9 months and 4 days.

Thirteen bodies were brought to this town for interment during the same time. A list of the same is herewith appended.

## DEATHS — 1879.

| Date of Death. | | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 13, | Paul B. Werrick | 82 | 10 | 26 | Hingham. |
| " | 27, | William Mayo | 69 | 7 | 16 | Charlestown, R. I. |
| February | 6, | Elliot Stoddard | 8 | 6 | 8 | Quincy. |
| March | 1, | Betsey Orcutt | 81 | 3 | | Boston. |
| " | 19, | Mary Hammond | 82 | | | " |
| " | 22, | Edward L. Bates | 27 | 6 | | So. Weymouth. |
| April | 17, | Isaac Hall | 60 | | | San Francisco. |
| May | 5, | Henry J. Turner | 61 | | | Boston. |
| July | 22, | William Hincks | 50 | 1 | 13 | Washington, D. C. |
| September | 6, | Charles Nichols | 57 | | | Boston. |
| " | 22, | William Pratt, Jr. | 45 | 1 | | Everett. |
| " | 23, | Lizzie L. (Cutting) Parker | 27 | 1 | 13 | Topeka, Kas. |
| " | 26, | Sarah E. Carter | | 3 | 2 | Scituate. |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOLS

## TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET.

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GENTLEMEN:

A Report of the condition of the Schools during the past year, a statement of their needs, and suggestions for their improvement must be, for the most part, but a repetition of former Reports.

All the schools have been in a prosperous state, the order and discipline in all have been good, and in all very creditable progress has been made in learning, except on the part of those children whose attendance has been irregular.

The following table represents the numbers of pupils belonging to the different schools during each of the three terms.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| High School | 69 | 95 | 98 |
| Jerusalem | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| North Grammar | 25 | 26 | 25 |
| North Primary | 32 | 22 | 22 |
| Centre Grammar | 37 | 44 | 46 |
| Centre Primary | 38 | 37 | 37 |
| South Grammar | 36 | 34 | 34 |
| South Primary | 36 | 33 | 33 |
| Beechwood Grammar | 24 | 29 | 34 |
| Beechwood Primary | 27 | 38 | 33 |
| Harbor | 38 | 36 | 35 |
| King Street | 18 | 16 | 12 |
| | 417 | 427 | 426 |

This table shows great differences in the schools in respect to the numbers of children belonging to them.

While the Jerusalem School has been small through the year, numbering only seventeen pupils, some of these were frequently absent,

thus reducing the actual size of the school still more. As the children are in every state of progress, from the lowest primary to the highest grammar school grade, it is difficult to form proper classes, or to awaken the enthusiasm that might be possible in a larger school. The school has, however, done well in spite of its difficulties, and some children have been very well prepared in it to enter the High School.

The King Street School has had another sad experience. Three children, who would have been pupils in it this winter, have died of diptheria, and, owing to the prevalence of that disease, the school was diminished for a while by the absence of children, through fear of the disease. No schools have been suspended for more than a day or two at a time, except the North Schools. The North Grammar School was lately closed two weeks, and the North Primary School one week, on account of the illness of their teachers.

The attendance on the High School has been larger and more regular than for many years. One cause has been the excellent condition which it has been in and the confidence which people feel in it. For these reasons it is attracting pupils from all parts of the town and some pupils from out of town, who are glad to pay for privileges which they cannot avail themselves of in their own towns. Then the establishing of a regular course of study in the school, and the giving of diplomas to those pupils who honorably complete the course, have not only made the instruction given in the school more thorough and complete, but have also awakened a deeper interest on the part of the scholars, and secured their more regular attendance to the close of the summer term.

At the close of the school year, last June, the first class of pupils was graduated since the introduction of the regular course of four years' study in the school, and the adoption of the practice of giving diplomas to the graduates.

The following are the names of the members of the class, all of whom received diplomas.

| | |
|---|---|
| Edith Mason Bates, | Elisabeth Thaxter Nichols, |
| Martha Priscilla Bates, | Frances Parsons Osgood, |
| Ida Willet Beal, | Mary Chesbrook Pratt, |
| Annie Tongue Collier, | Nettie Agnes Richardson, |
| Priscilla Lothrop Collier, | Grace Everett Tower, |
| Abbie James Gannett, | Edward Horatio Tower, |

Eunice Jacob Lothrop.

The High School holds an important and necessary place in our school system. In it are educated the teachers of all our other schools; conse-

quently the more thorough the discipline and education it gives to those who are to become teachers, the more excellent will be the schools under their charge. Besides, the High School directly and powerfully aids the grammar schools by receiving those of their older and more advanced pupils, simplifying and restricting the studies required in them, supplementing and completing their work, and presenting to those schools a standard of attainment which they are continually stimulated and required to reach.

It need not be said that the present good condition of the High School is due to the ability, good sense, and devoted faithfulness of its teachers, Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop and Mr. E. P. Collier. Any change of teachers would, almost inevitably, result in an immediate deterioration of the school; for those who have had experience in the matter know how exceedingly difficult it is,—the getting of an efficient and suitable teacher of a high school. The assistant teacher in the High School, who has occupied that position four years, and who has not only devoted a great deal of his time out of school hours to the interests of the school, but who has also spent much time and money in the study of his profession and in fitting himself to become a better teacher should certainly have a suitable increase of his salary. Unless that is secured to him we cannot expect much longer to retain his services.

In order to make such an increase of the assistant's salary, and to meet a deficiency in the appropriation for the support of schools last year, it will be necessary to make a larger appropriation for their support for the coming year.

With regard to the condition of our schools it may be readily conceded that they are not what they ought to be, and that they are susceptible of great improvement. It would not be difficult to point out many defects which should be remedied, and many changes which might with advantage be made. But when compared with the schools in other towns in the state, having no greater outward advantages than Cohasset, I think they have a high reputation. Agents of the State Board of Education speak of them in very commendatory terms. I think our schools were never doing a better work or had more fully the confidence of the people,

But the complaint is sometimes made that we are raising too much money for the schools and paying our teachers too large salaries. Perhaps it is thought that if we are having better schools than some of the neighboring towns we are paying more money for them in proportion to our means.

But there could not be a greater mistake. In the last Report of the

Board of Education the percentage of taxable property appropriated to the support of public schools in the year 1877-78 in the 342 towns in the state is given. Cohasset stands 301 on the list,—300 towns paying a larger percentage,—41 towns a less percentage. Cohasset paid 2.16 mills on a dollar, Scituate 2.79, Marshfield 3.02, Quincy 3.37, Hingham 3.41, South Scituate 3.62, Plymouth 4.11, Weymouth 4.52. It must be borne in mind that in all these towns the rate of taxation was higher than in Cohasset, and that in some of them there is a heavy railroad debt.

But perhaps it will be said that if we pay a less percentage on our valuation, we pay more for the education of each child. But we find on examining the Report of the Board of Education again that for the education of each child between five and fifteen years of age, Cohasset paid $11.51.5, South Scituate paid less, only $9.33.5, and Scituate $7.37. But Marshfield paid more, $13.50.9, Weymouth $12.84, Hingham $14.23.2, Quincy $13.94.2, Plymouth $15.98.5.

If we have regard to the wages paid to female teachers, not including the salary of the principal of the High School, which in other towns is paid to a man, we find that the average paid in the twenty-four towns of Norfolk County is $40.67. Cohasset paid the lowest average wages of all the towns in the county,—$31. The average compensation paid to female teachers in the twenty-seven towns in Plymouth County was $31.44. One town paid the same wages as Cohasset, eleven paid lower wages, and fifteen higher.

From these statistics it must appear that we are spending less money for the support of our schools than most of the towns around us in proportion to our ability,—paying lower salaries and a smaller percentage of the taxable property of the town. Yet we are not ungenerous in our treatment of our teachers, for having been educated in our schools, secure in their positions as long as they show themselves capable and worthy, and being able to board at home, they are really better compensated than they would be if they taught away from home for much larger salaries. But true economy, as well as a regard to the highest good of our schools should prompt the town to be generous in providing for their real needs.

One of the advantages of our school system is the continuance of the same teachers in the same schools from year to year. During the year now closing there have been no changes except in the South Grammar School, in which Miss Sarah C. Nichols, near the close of the fall term, resigned her position as teacher after four years of very efficient and faithful service, and was succeeded by Miss Mary F. Osgood.

The teachers have been urged and encouraged to fit themselves for

their work as thoroughly as possible by reading and studying subjects relating to school instruction, visiting other schools, especially those where the most improved methods are practiced, and attending teachers' conventions and institutes.

An attempt has been made to systematize the work in all our schools as thoroughly as it can be done.

Our complete school course is intended to extend over a period of eleven years, viz: four in the primary schools, three in the grammar schools, and four in the high school. A bright child, or one who has received instruction at home, may be able to complete the course in the primary schools in three years, while children who learn with difficulty or who are irregular in their attendance may be required to spend more years.

A detailed course of study in each year in the primary and grammar schools cannot now be given, as several points have not been definitely arranged, but the following statement indicates the work to be accomplished in these schools.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The children in these schools are to be first taught words in script letters,—the words, as far as possible, being the names of objects or of pictures which they can see before them, or words used in connection with them. They are to be taught to write words themselves, and during their whole course to have much practice in writing.

Their regular text books in reading are the Franklin Primer and Monroe's First, Second and Third Readers. In connection with these books a number of supplementary readers are to be used, so as to give the children large practice in reading at sight. Spelling is to be taught chiefly from their reading books and exercises in writing. Especial attention should be given to the teaching of language, the expression of thought, and the right construction of sentences.

Arithmetic is to be taught at first by the use of objects. Blocks have been furnished in the schools for that purpose. After the children have got clear and distinct ideas of numbers, and of the simplest and easiest combinations and relations of numbers, they are to be taught orally, and with much practice on the slate, blackboard, and Walton's Tables. They are expected to have a thorough drill and to acquire facility and quickness in the fundamental rules of arithmetic, including long division on expressions represented by not more than five places.

Singing and drawing are to be taught in these schools, and there should be reading and object lessons, such as are fitted to interest the children, impart to them knowledge, and teach them to think and observe.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The reading book for the grammer schools is Monroe's Fourth Reader; but with this are to be used the geography and a number of books for supplementary reading. Spelling is to be learned from Worcester's New Pronouncing Speller, from the reading and writing exercises. In arithmetic the Franklin Elementary Arithmetic and Colburn's First Lessons are to be thoroughly learned in connection with Waltorn's Tables and Wentworth's Arithmatical Questions as far as Compound Interest.

Geography is to be begun and completed in these schools.

Grammar is to be taught by oral exercises, the writing of sentences and compositions.

Singing and drawing are also to be taught, and oral instruction should be given in botany and other physical sciences, such as are fitted to teach children to observe and think.

## HIGH SCHOOL. COHASSET.

### COURSE OF STUDY.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year, | Four | recitations | a week: | | Arithmetic, U. S. History, Physical Geography. |
| | Two | " | " | " | Language Lessons, Reading, Writing, Drawing. |
| 2d Year, | Four | " | " | " | Algebra, General History, Physiology, Botany, Latin. |
| | Two | " | " | " | Reading, Letter Writing, Accounts, Writ., Read. |
| 3d Year, | Four | " | " | " | Geometry, Physics, Latin, Constitution U. S., French. |
| | Two | " | " | " | Reading, Accounts, Writing, Drawing. |
| 4th Year, | Four | " | " | " | Latin, French, English Grammar, Rhetoric, English Literature, Chemistry, Business Arithmetic. |
| | Two | " | " | " | Reading, Book-keeping. |

In the 3d and 4th years pupils write compositions once in two weeks. French and Latin are optional studies. Pupils taking Latin omit English Grammar and General History.

As some children never enter the High School, the course of study in the grammar schools has been so arranged that those children who thoroughly learn the branches of education taught in them will have learned what is most necessary for the practical purposes of life, and having learned the elements, they may carry on their own education to any degree of attainment.

In the report of 1877-8 I wrote, after urging the more thorough preparation of our teachers for their work: "There is one thing, however, which I think, is especially needed to complete the educational system of the town. This is a good Public Library." In that Report the need and the advantage of such a Library to the teachers, to the schools, and to all the inhabitants of the town were set forth at some length. The town, at the annual March meeting took action on the matter, and chose a committee to take the subject into consideration, and report the next year. The committee reported a plan for such a Library which was accepted by the town. Trustees were chosen by the town, rooms in the Town Hall Building were granted for the use of the Library, and it was voted that $300 should be appropriated for the Library when the like amount should be obtained by private subscription. More than the requisite amount was obtained, viz: $279.25 collected by the school teachers in sums of from twenty-five cents to five dollars, $31.00 the proceeds of an entertainment, and $26.00 from Childrens' Pinafore, amounting in all to $336.25. In addition $50 each have been contributed by two of our summer residents, $25 by another, and $10 by two ladies. It is believed that many others are ready to contribute liberally when they are applied to. There have also been large contributions of books, from contributions of many volumes to those of single books. Other contributions are still expected. In all 1036 volumes have been contributed and 464 purchased, making the whole number of volumes 1500, besides valuable maps and charts. Of course in a library collected in this way, there must be many books of little interest or value. But many of the books contributed are of great value and interest, and in buying books the trustees have tried to purchase only those which would be most interesting and useful. The success of the trustees in establishing the Library has exceeded their anticipations, but they feel that it is only a beginning, and they hope and expect that before the close of another year they shall receive large contributions of money and of books, so that a strong library may be established, and the best English reading may be freely accessible to all the people of the town. It

was the intention of the trustees that the Library should be opened to the people in the fall, but books have kept coming in, the work of arranging, covering and purchasing, and especially of preparing a catalogue, has been very great, and although some of the trustees have spent day after day in gratuitous labor for the Library, and other persons have rendered their assistance, it has not yet been opened. It will however, be opened probably before this Report is in the hands of the people of the town.

Owing to the room, which was appropriated for the use of the Library, not being sufficiently large to accommodate the books, the town will be asked to appropriate a sum, probably not exceeding $100, to finish another room under the stairs of the Town Hall.

With regard to truancy the same difficulties exist in some of our schools as have existed previous years. Although the town has adopted a sufficient system of By-Laws, and truant officers have been appointed, yet, for want of a proper institution for the confinement of truants, the laws against truancy are practically almost a dead letter. And they must remain so till either the state or the county shall provide a suitable place for retaining and instructing truant children.

Only one of the truant officers appointed last spring has made a report of his doings.

Mr. Morgan, who was appointed truant officer, and charged especially with the care of the Beechwood and King Street Schools, has devoted himself with great interest and faithfulness to the discharge of the duties of his office, and by his personal influence and official activity has been very useful in securing the attendance of children at school. His report is long, detailed, and full of interesting and useful suggestions, but only the following brief epitome of it can be given.

In Mr. Morgan's report he writes: "I have made forty official calls on the King Street and Beechwood Schools. I have notified parents of the absence of their children in twenty-seven cases. In most of these cases the parents had no knowledge of the absence of their children, and in every case they promised that their children should be faithful in their attendance for the future. The parents were often inclined to make excuses for their children, and to urge that they were led off by the bad children of their neighbors. When they plead poverty, want of clothes or want of books I made it my business to relieve their wants and to see that their children were at school. Sometimes I found boys in the woods at play, and sometimes gunning. I secured their attendance at school."

Mr. Morgan in his report sets forth very emphatically the evils of tru-

ancy, not only to the truants themselves, but the influence of their bad example on other children.

It is to be hoped that in our next school year earnest action may be taken throughout the whole town to prevent truancy, and that as good results may be achieved as have followed from Mr. Morgan's energetic action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD.

CAPT. JOHN W. BATES,
MR. LEVI N. BATES,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, ESQ., } *School Committee.*

The foregoing Report of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and adopted by the School Committee.

LEVI N. BATES,
JOHN W. BATES,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, } *School Committee.*

COHASSET, Feb. 7, 1880.

# Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF COHASSET

**For the Year Ending February 1, 1881.**

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

## Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and School Committee,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

ALSO, THE

**Doings at the Several Town Meetings.**

REPORT OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE STATE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 1880,

AND

**Report of Trustees of Public Library.**

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# DOINGS OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET

*At their several meetings held during the year 1880,*

FROM THE TOWN RECORD.

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ANNUAL MEETING, HELD MARCH 1, 1880.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor and the School Committee be accepted.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers chosen as follows: —

*Town Clerk.*

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

*Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Jr.

*School Committee for three years.*

REV. GRANVILLE YAGER.

*Constables.*

ISRAEL C. VINAL, FRANK J. DAMON, EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, FRANK STODDARD, HORACE J. DAMON, JOHN ROCHE, Jr.

*Fence Viewers.*

J. FOSTER DOANE, JAMES DENITHORNE, MORGAN B. STETSON.

*Surveyors of the Highways.*

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|---|---|
| JOHN H. MORGAN, | Beechwood District; |
| ISRAEL C. VINAL, | Centre and South District; |
| THOMAS BATES, | North District; |
| JAMES PETTEE, | Jerusalem District. |

*Field Drivers.*

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, JAMES DENITHORNE, ANDREW H. PROUTY, QUINCY A. LOTHROP, WILLIAM W. STUDLEY, THOMAS ROCHE, WILLIAM BRENNOCK, HENRY BRENNOCK, JOSEPH H. HAYDEN, WALDO C. LOCKE.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

DAVID O. WADE, NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

EDWARD E. ELLMS, WALTER S. BEAL, MORGAN B. STETSON.

*Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

JAMES CREED.

*Pound Keeper.*

WILLIAM O. SOUTHER.

ARTICLE 4. Voted, to raise the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred dollars ($17,600) by taxation, which amount, together with fifteen hundred dollars, ($1,500) the available amount now in the treasury, is to be appropriated as follows:

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|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, . . . . . | $2,000 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . . | 1,500 |
| Discount on Taxes, . . . . . | 1,000 |
| Support of Poor, . . . . . | 4,000 |
| Support of Schools, (Teachers & fuel) . | 5,500 |
| Repairs on School-houses, Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Committee's Salaries, . . | 600 |
| Removing Snow, . . . . . | 300 |
| Roads and Bridges, . . . . . | 400 |
| Repairs of Highways, . . . . . | 2,000 |
| Town Officers, . . . . . | 800 |
| Printing, . . . . . | 200 |
| Fire Department, . . . . . | 200 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 600 |
| Total amount appropriated, . . | $19,100 |

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes, and to pay State and military aid.

Article 5. Voted, that the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and the same discount allowed as then; viz: — five per cent discount to be allowed on all taxes, (School books excepted) voluntarily paid into the treasury on or before the first day of September next; and all taxes remaining unpaid on the second day of November next, shall be collected in the manner prescribed by law.

Article 6. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards be accepted.

Article 7. The list of Jurors, as amended is as follows:

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|---|---|
| Thomas Bates, | Charles L. Kittrell, |
| Philander Bates, | Caleb Lincoln, |
| Thomas A. Bates, | Joseph B. Lincoln, |
| Adna Bates, | Louis N. Lincoln, |
| Loring Bates, | Richard W. Lothrop, |
| George Bates, | Waldo C. Locke, |
| Allen C. Bates, | Robert B. Pratt, |
| Thomas D. Blossom, | C. James Pratt, |
| Walter S. Beal, | Samuel E. Pratt, |
| George W. Cousens, | Morgan B. Stetson, |
| Charles G. Crockett, | Ziba C. Small, |
| John M. Damon, | Franklin Stoddard, |
| Stephen D. Farrar, | Richard W. Sankey, |
| William H. Beal, | Abraham H. Tower, Jr., |
| Galen James, | Otis S. Wilbur, |
| George O. Higgins, | Daniel Tower, |
| George W. Kimball, | Levi L. Worrick, Jr., |

Lewis Willcutt.

Article 8. Voted, that the Selectmen cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 9. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be raised and appropriated to improve the hill near and easterly of the dwelling house of Francis L. Bates, on Beechwood street, and that the job be put out to the lowest responsible bidder, by the Selectmen.

Article 10. In relation to raising money to improve the condition of Straits Pond.

Voted, that this matter be left with the Selectmen; that they shall consult with the Selectmen of Hull, and after consultation — if the town of Hull makes an appropriation for this purpose — they shall call a meeting, at which time this matter shall be again brought before the Town, and acted upon.

Article 11. Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to improve Jerusalem road, near the dwelling house of Edward D. Peters.

Article 12. Voted, that this article be passed over.

Article 13. Voted, that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be raised and appropriated to improve the bridge and street at Merchants Dam, on Margin street, and that the work be let out to the lowest responsible bidder, by the Selectmen.

Article 14. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen upon building a Reservoir on the Common, wherein they recommend the town to defer building one until next year, for reasons therein named, be accepted.

Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen upon repairing the Receiving Tomb, wherein they ask for further time, be accepted. Both of the above Reports have been place on file.

Article 15. Voted, that the care of Tramps be let out to the lowest responsible bidder, as last year.

Voted, that the care of the Town Hall be left with the Selectmen.

Article 16. Voted, that the Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, be accepted.

The Report has been placed on file.

Voted, that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be

raised and appropriated for the purpose of making alterations in the Town House, in order to make more room for the Public Library, and for changing the entrance to the Lockup.

Voted, that the above sum be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Board of Trustees of the Library.

Voted, to choose three Trustees for the Public Library, for the term of three years each. — Chose Rev. Joseph Osgood, Capt. John W. Bates and Mrs. Nichols Tower.

Article 20. Voted, that this article be passed over.

Article 21. Voted, that the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) be raised and appropriated to remove a ledge on North Main street, west of the dwelling house of John Barnes, and that the job be let out to the lowest responsible bidder, by the Selectmen.

Article 22. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be raised and appropriated to improve the road at corner of Elm and South Main streets, near the Post Office.

Article 23. Voted, that the matter of permitting T. J. M. Smith, heirs of Nathaniel Nichols and Joseph B. Lincoln to move their fences upon Jerusalem road, be left with the Selectmen.

Article 24. Voted, that this article be passed over.

Voted, that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the Moderator for the acceptable manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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## TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 23, 1880.

J. Q. A. Lothrop chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the matter of placing a bell upon the Engine House be referred to the Selectmen, and they are to submit a Report on the same to the Town at their next Annual Meeting.

The Selectmen reported adversely, to the Town exempting from taxation or abating the taxes, for a term of years, the stock, fixtures and buildings required for manufacturing purposes.

Their Report has been placed on file.

It was voted, notwithstanding the adverse Report of the Selectmen, "that the Town abate from taxes, for the term of five years, all buildings erected and used for the manufacturing of Boots and Shoes, Cotton or Woolen Goods; also the Stock and Machinery used for the same."

Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen in relation to the proposed improvement of the condition of Straits Pond, be accepted, and that all the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

In the said Report the Selectmen "recommend that the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated for improvements at Straits Pond, to be paid out of the Corporation tax, received from the Commonwealth, to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen in connection with the Committee of the Town of Hull, on the condition that the Town of Hull pay one-half of the amount expended by the towns of Cohasset and Hull in building a Dam to flow the pond as expressed in the petition presented to the Selectmen of Cohasset, with a request that the Committee appointed by the tax-payers in the two towns for improving the Sanitary condition of Straits Pond, procure and deliver to the Selectmen of Cohasset a release from all the owners of Real Estate bordering upon said pond lying in said Cohasset, and for themselves, their heirs and assigns forever, all claim for any damages that may occur, on account of the flowing or draining of said pond."

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

At a meeting of the Selectmen held April 8, 1880, the following persons were appointed Fire wards for the year ensuing; viz:

*Edward E. Wentworth, Zaccheus Rich, Samuel E. Pratt, and Alden Beal.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held May 24, 1880, John E. Groce was appointed a Police Officer for Jerusalem road, with all the powers of a Constable, except the power of serving and executing civil process, to hold his office during the pleasure of the Selectmen by whom he was appointed, and to serve without pay from the Town of Cohasset.

At the same time *Louis N. Lincoln was appointed a special Police Officer, under Chapt. 257 Act of the year 1880, entitled "An Act for the protection of the people of the Commonwealth against Tramps."

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## ELECTION RECORD.

### Nov. 2, 1880.

Ballots were cast this day by the voters of Cohasset, for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, Representative to Congress, and the various State, County and District Officers, as follows: —

FOR ELECTORS.

Whole Number of votes 331.

AT LARGE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paul A. Chadbourne, of Williamstown, | 229 |
| John M. Forbes, of Milton, | 229 |
| Josiah G. Abbott, of Boston, | 95 |
| Jonas H. French, of Gloucester, | 95 |
| Alonzo A. Miner, of Boston, | 7 |
| John Blackmer, of Springfield, | 7 |

*Not qualified, as he did not accept the office.

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|---|---|---|
| Dist. 1. | Marshall S. Underwood, of Dennis, | 229 |
| | Philander Cobb, of Kingston, | 95 |
| | John D. King, of Edgartown, | 7 |
| Dist. 2. | William C. Lovering, of Taunton, | 229 |
| | Peter Butler, of Quincy, | 95 |
| | Lewis Ford, of Brockton, | 7 |
| Dist. 3. | Moody Merrill, of Boston, | 229 |
| | Edward B. Rankin, of Boston, | 95 |
| | Dan'l S. Gammon, of Boston, | 7 |
| Dist. 4. | Rufus S. Frost, of Chelsea, | 229 |
| | Charles Levi Woodbury, of Boston, | 95 |
| | Stuart B. Remick, of Chelsea, | 7 |
| Dist. 5. | Amos F. Breed, of Lynn, | 229 |
| | Christopher E. Rymes, of Somerville, | 95 |
| | Jas. P. Boyce, of Lynn, | 7 |
| Dist. 6. | Augustus N. Clark, of Beverly, | 229 |
| | James H. Carlton, of Haverhill, | 95 |
| | Lambert L. Wood, of Peabody, | 7 |
| Dist. 7. | Francis Jewett, of Lowell, | 229 |
| | John C. Sanborn, of Lawrence, | 95 |
| | Jas. K. Fellows, of Lowell, | 7 |
| Dist. 8. | James M. W. Hall, of Cambridge, | 229 |
| | Leverett Saltonstall, of Newton, | 95 |
| | Chas. A. Hovey, of Newton, | 7 |
| Dist. 9. | Charles E. Whiton, of Northbridge, | 229 |
| | Edwin Conant, of Worcester, | 95 |
| | J. T. Everett, of Princeton, | 7 |
| Dist. 10. | William B. C. Pearsons, of Holyoke, | 229 |
| | Nahum Harwood, of Leominster, | 95 |
| | Jos. B. Drury, of Gardner, | 7 |
| Dist. 11. | William C. Plunkett, of Adams, | 229 |
| | Samuel W. Bowerman, of Pittsfield, | 95 |
| | Edmund Pratt, of Longmeadow, | 7 |

### For Representative to Congress, Dist. No 1.

Whole number of votes 331.

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|---|---|
| Benjamin W. Harris, of East Bridgewater, | 229 |
| Edgar E. Dean, of Brockton, | 95 |
| Joseph Sherman, of Weymouth, | 7 |

### For Governor.

Whole number of votes 331.

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|---|---|
| John D. Long, of Hingham, | 229 |
| Charles P. Thompson, of Gloucester, | 94 |
| Charles Almy, of New Bedford, | 8 |

### For Lieutenant Governor.

Whole number of votes 331.

| | |
|---|---|
| Byron Weston, of Dalton, | 229 |
| Alpha E. Thompson, of Woburn, | 94 |
| Timothy K. Earle, of Worcester, | 8 |

### For Secretary.

Whole number of votes 330.

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, | 229 |
| Michael T. Donohoe, of Somerville, | 94 |
| Solomon F. Root, of Dalton, | 7 |

### For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Whole number of votes 331.

| | |
|---|---|
| Daniel A. Gleason, of Medford, | 229 |
| Francis J. Parker, of Newton, | 95 |
| Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton, | 7 |

### For Auditor.

Whole number of votes 331.

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, | 229 |
| Charles R. Field, of Greenfield, | 95 |
| Jonathan Buck, of Harwich, | 7 |

### For Attorney General.

Whole number of votes 330.

| | |
|---|---|
| George Marston, of New Bedford, | 229 |
| Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, | 94 |
| Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden, | 7 |

### For Sheriff — Norfolk County.

Whole number of votes 324.

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|---|---|
| Rufus C. Wood, of Dedham, | 229 |
| James G. Scott, of Walpole, | 95 |

### For District Attorney.

Whole number of votes 323.

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|---|---|
| Asa French, of Braintree, | 228 |
| John F. Simmons, of Hanover, | 95 |

### For County Commissioner.

Whole number of votes 324.

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|---|---|
| James Humphrey, of Weymouth, | 229 |
| William A. Hodges, of Quincy, | 95 |

### For Special Commissioners.

Whole number of votes 324.

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|---|---|
| George P. Morey, of Walpole, | 229 |
| Benjamin F. Baker, of Brookline, | 229 |
| William D. Coolidge, of Brookline, | 95 |
| George Sanford, of Hyde Park, | 95 |

### For Commissioners of Insolvency.

Whole number of votes 324.

| | |
|---|---|
| Emery Grover, of Needham, | 229 |
| James E. Tirrell, of Quincy, | 229 |
| George W. Wiggin, of Franklin, | 229 |
| John Everett, of Canton, | 95 |
| Frank W. Lewis, of Weymouth, | 95 |
| James B. Chaffin, of Quincy, | 95 |

FOR COUNCILLOR — District No. 1.

Whole number of votes 331.

| | |
|---|---|
| Matthew H. Cushing, of Middleborough, | 229 |
| Isaac Smith, Jr., of Fall River, | 95 |
| John D. King, of Edgartown, | 7 |

FOR SENATOR — 2nd Plymouth District.

Whole number of votes 322.

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|---|---|
| Starkes Whiton, of Hingham, | 227 |
| Luther Stephenson, Jr., of Hingham, | 95 |

FOR REPRESENTATIVE. — 2nd Plymouth District.

Whole number of votes 324.

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|---|---|
| Thomas F. Bailey, of Scituate, | 230 |
| George O. Vinal, of Scituate, | 94 |

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The vote of the Second Plymouth District for Representative, Nov. 2, 1880, was as follows:

| | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas F. Bailey, of Scituate, | 268 | 241 | 230 | 739 |
| George O. Vinal, of Scituate, | 118 | 109 | 94 | 321 |

Thomas F. Bailey, having a plurality of votes, was elected.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

## TOWN MEETING HELD DEC. 15, 1880.

J. Q. A. Lothrop, chosen Moderator.

Voted, that a Committee of five be appointed by the Town, to appear for and in behalf of the Town, before the Committee on towns in the Legislature, at its next Session, and oppose the annexing a portion of the Town to the Town of Hull, as prayed for in the petition of Joseph Hicks and others, and that said Committee take such further actions as they in their judgment shall deem expedient to defeat the prayer of the petitioners ; and that Lyman Hollingsworth, Henry D. Hyde, with the Selectmen, J. Q. A. Lothrop, Philander Bates, and Caleb F. Nichols constitute the Committee.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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The list of Enrolled Militia as returned to the Town Clerk by the Assessors, and placed on file July 27, 1880, contains the names of three hundred and fourteen men.

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There were one hundred and four dogs licensed in 1880. Ninety-nine male and five female.

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Twenty-three Certificates of Intention of Marriage were issued by the Town Clerk during the year 1880.

# COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Second Annual Report of the Trustees.

The Trustees of the Public Library herewith submit their annual report.

April 5th the annual election of officers was held with the following result: —

President, Rev. Jos. Osgood; Secretary, E. P. Collier; Treasurer, J. W. Bates.

During the year additional books to the number of three hundred and fifty-three have been added by purchase. The trustees have also authorized the librarian to subscribe annually for the following magazines :—

*North American Review*, *Popular Science Monthly*, *Nineteenth Century*, *Appleton's*, *Harper's*, *Scribner's*, *Lippincott's*, *St. Nicholas*, and the *Atlantic*.

At a meeting held August 6th, it was voted to draw up a subscription list with the following heading: —

We, the undersigned, agree to pay annually, until we withdraw our subscriptions, on or before the first of September, the amounts standing against our name, not less than one dollar, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Library and especially of purchasing periodicals.

At this meeting it was also voted to authorize the Librarian to admit, at his discretion, any person from out of town to the privileges of the Library, on condition of paying one dollar annually on each card. It was also voted that scholars of the High School be entitled to the use of the Library.

During the month of August a fair was held for three days,

under the direction of the ladies of the Board of Trustees, netting for the Library the sum of $570.90.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held Sept. 20th, the Librarian was authorized to buy suitable furniture for the Library room.

From the report of the Librarian made at the annual meeting of the Trustees we gather the following: —

The Library was opened to the public the 25th of February, 1880; closed for enlargement the 10th of March; re-opened the 10th of April, making to the close of the Library year, January 31, 1881, forty-four and one half weeks, or eighty-nine days of issue.

During this time there have been taken from the Library 10,829 books; the largest number taken out on any one day being 184, on January 15, 1881; the smallest 43, August 4, 1880.

The number of borrowers registered to date is 607.

There have been added to the Library during the year 857 volumes: — By purchase, 353; by gift, 394; by binding magizines and other books, 110.

There are in the Library 2,396 books, forty-five of these being pamphlets.

The classification of books taken out during the year is as follows: —

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|---|---|
| History and Biography, | 646 |
| Geography and Travel, | 479 |
| Religion and Temperance, | 120 |
| Science, | 144 |
| Fiction and Juveniles, | 8501 |
| Literature and Poetry, | 100 |
| Agriculture and Horticulture, | 131 |
| Magazines, | 708 |

To defray the expenses of the coming year, salary of Libra-

rian, etc., the Trustees respectfully ask the town to appropriate two hundred dollars at the annual town meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. COLLIER, *Secretary.*

Appended is the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

# Dr. Cohasset Free Public Library in Acct. with

1880.

| | |
|---|---|
| To Book-binder's Bills, | $64 84 |
| Freight and Expressage, | 16 89 |
| Economy Company's Bill (Labels, Cards, Paper, Loan Case, Catalogue Case), | 32 37 |
| Shelf Numbers, | 1 67 |
| Curtains for Reference-book Shelves, | 3 96 |
| Cleaning, | 4 39 |
| Oil can and Kerosene, | 1 81 |
| A. T. Bliss & Co., printing Catalogues, | 89 50 |
| Books, and Subscriptions to Magazines, | 501 36 |
| Hand Stamps, | 2 50 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., Stock for Shelves, | 11 10 |
| O. Barker, painting, | 3 00 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, Shelves and Table, | 32 60 |
| Library Steps, | 6 50 |
| Printing Notices and Labels, | 3 00 |
| Cost of Enlargement of Library over Town Appropriation, | 111 33 |
| E. S. Rollins & Co., Wall-paper, | 2 50 |
| Samuel Bates, Sundries, | 1 29 |
| F. M. Holmes, Furniture, | 60 00 |
| Advance Print., Supplementary Catalogue, | 25 00 |
| F. J. Damon, Chandelier bolt, | 75 |
| Librarian's Salary, | 100 00 |
| | $1,076 36 |
| Balance of Account due Library, | 178 27 |
| | $1,254 63 |

## John W. Bates, Treasurer. Cr.

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| 1880. | | |
| | Balance March 1, 1880, . . . . . | $83 05 |
| | By Sundry Subscriptions from Residents of the Town, . . . . . | 19 00 |
| March 8. | Cash from Gen. Z. B. Tower, . . . . . | 20 00 |
| " 17. | " Mrs. Leander Beal, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| " 17. | " Alexander Williams, . . . . , | 75 00 |
| July 18. | " Waldo Higginson in addition to fifty dollars paid December 6, 1879, . . . . . | 50 00 |
| " 31. | Cash from James H. Weeks, . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Aug. 6. | " A. C. Wheelwright, . . . . . | 100 00 |
| " 16. | " A. H. Tower, . . . . . | 20 00 |
| " 16. | " Henry A. Wheelwright, . . . . | 50 00 |
| " 23. | " Charles S. Bates, in addition to fifty dollars paid February 7, . . . . . | 50 00 |
| Aug. 25. | Cash from Mrs. T. B. Williams, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Sept. 6. | " J. S. Bigelow, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| " 8. | " Net Proceeds of Fair, . . . . . | 570 90 |
| " 15. | " Mrs. E. B. Bryant, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| " 22. | " Chas. Marsh, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Nov. 1. | " John Bryant, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| " 1. | " Henry Bryant, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 1881. | | |
| Jan. 1. | Interest on deposit, . . . . . | 2 80 |
| | Fines to February 1, 1881, . . . . . | 13 28 |
| | Sales of Catalogues to Feb. 1, 1881. . . . | 12 40 |
| | Sales of Cards to Feb. 1, 1881. . . . . | 1 20 |
| | | $1,254 63 |

JOHN W. BATES, Treasurer.

Cohasset, Jan. 31, 1881.

# Report of the Selectmen.

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### *Removing Snow.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Frank Thomas, . . . . | $1 50 | |
| Edwin Bates and others, . . | 4 50 | |
| William Beal and others, . . | 7 30 | |
| Moses Sargent and others, . . | 14 50 | |
| John H. Morgan and others, . | 6 48 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., . . . | 12 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairing Plough, | 12 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt and others, . | 28 97 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden and others, . . | 49 00 | |
| A. E. Tilden and others, . . | 33 30 | |
| Alden Beal and others, . . | 17 50 | |
| James Pettee and others, . . | 10 50 | |
| Thomas Bates and others, . . | 3 00 | |
| | | $200 55 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 300 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 99 45 |

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### *Fire Department.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid D. O. Wade, refreshments, . . | 5 65 | |
| W. W. Studley, Steward, . . | 30 00 | |
| Ezekiel L. James, watching fire, . | 2 00 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " " . | 3 00 | |
| Robert T. Burbank, " " . | 2 00 | |
| Samuel L. Williams, " " . | 2 00 | |
| Samuel G. James, " " . | 4 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $48 65 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $48 65 | |
| Paid 38 Fireman Poll Taxes, . . | 76 00 | |
| Charles A. Gross, oil &c., . . | 16 87 | |
| Hunneman & Co., repairing hose, . | 6 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horses to hire, . | 6 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, oil and &c., . . | 1 62 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., wood &c., . | 4 30 | |
| | | $159 44 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 40 56 |

### *Printing.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. M. A. Twitchell, reports, . | $150 96 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, Selectmen &c., | 45 75 | |
| | | $194 71 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $200 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 3 29 |

### *State Aid under Chap.* **301,** *Acts of* **1879.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . | $48 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, . . . | 72 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . | 48 00 | |
| Philip D. Minot, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Harriet J. Apts, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Ashel F. Nott, . . . . | 21 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, . . . | 6 00 | |
| | | $339 00 |

Reimbursed by the State.

### *Military Aid under Chap.* **252,** *Acts of* **1879.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Munnies, . . . | $96 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, . . . | 64 00 | |
| George Arnold, . . . . | 96 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $256 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $256 00 | |
| Paid Oliver Henderson, . . . | 156 00 | |
| James Rooney, Jr. . . . | 82 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, . . . . | 18 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . | 30 00 | |
| Peter E. Ainslee, . . . | 54 00 | |
| Levi L. Minot, . . . . | 20 00 | |
| John C. Orcutt, . . . . | 80 00 | |
| Charles H. Williston, . . . | 40 00 | |
| Thomas Ward, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| John G. Hayden, . . . | 8 00 | |
| | | $752 00 |
| Total amount per State and Military Aid, . . | | 1091 00 |

One-half reimbursed by the State.

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## *Abatements of Taxes.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1876, . . . | $ 9 50 | |
| " " " 1877, . . . | 33 25 | |
| " " " 1878, . . . | 66 60 | |
| " " " 1879, . . . | 82 48 | |
| " " " 1880, . . . | 49 89 | |
| | | $241 72 |

No appropriation.

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## *Repairs on Highways.*

JOHN H. MORGAN, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John H. Morgan, labor . . | $65 50 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, labor and team, . | 12 50 | |
| Edwin Bates, " " . | 11 99 | |
| George W. Pratt, " " . | 9 00 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, " " . | 13 75 | |
| Aaron Pratt, " " . | 6 00 | |
| William Damon, " " . | 8 01 | |
| Horace J. Damon, " " . | 11 40 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $138 15 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $138 15 | | |
| Paid Lot Bates, labor and team . | 8 00 | | |
| Lot W. Bates, " " . | 9 00 | | |
| W. W. Bates, " " . | 8 66 | | |
| Joseph Whitcomb, " " . | 12 50 | | |
| John A. Dyer, " " . | 18 75 | | |
| John W. Bates, " " . | 7 80 | | |
| Thomas Williams, " " . | 10 50 | | |
| George Litchfield, " " . | 14 25 | | |
| Oliver H. Bates, " " . | 8 99 | | |
| Frank Stoddard, " " . | 5 00 | | |
| Andrew Arnold, " " . | 3 00 | | |
| John L. McGough " " . | 1 50 | | |
| Charles Joseph, labor, . . | 3 75 | | |
| John Murphy, " . . | 75 | | |
| Otis Litchfield, " . . | 25 | | |
| Joseph Frates, " . . | 9 00 | | |
| Thomas Kinslie, " . . | 4 00 | | |
| Arthur Litchfield, " . . | 14 62 | | |
| Charles Williams, " . . | 1 05 | | |
| Joseph Smith, " . . | 14 50 | | |
| David Stoddard, " . . | 7 50 | | |
| John Ney, " . . | 3 75 | | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " . . | 2 50 | | |
| Cyrus Wood, " . . | 3 37 | | |
| Lewis L. Wheelwright, Jr., labor, | 1 50 | | |
| Horatio Pratt, labor, . . | 4 25 | | |
| Isaac S. Pratt, " . . | 3 00 | | |
| Hiram Litchfield, " . . | 3 00 | | |
| Moses Pratt, " . . | 50 | | |
| A. Bradford Litchfield, labor, . | 8 25 | | |
| Hosea N. Wood, labor, . . | 46 | | |
| Wilbur Arnold, " . . | 37 | | |
| Frank Frates, " . . | 3 00 | | |
| Joseph H. Murphy, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| William T. Whitcomb, labor, . | 1 50 | | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | ——— | $338 47 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $338 47 | | |
| Paid Quincy Litchfield, labor, . | 2 62 | | |
| Manuel Brooks, " . . | 2 25 | | |
| John Brooks, " . . | 1 92 | | |
| Benjamin H. Crane, " . . | 6 00 | | |
| Alfred Haskell, " . . | 5 25 | | |
| William H. Reed, " . . | 3 00 | | |
| Frank Wheelwright, " . . | 3 50 | | |
| Charles B. Wood, " . . | 3 00 | | |
| Edward E. Wentworth, " . . | 1 10 | | |
| George Pratt, " . . | 13 00 | | |
| George F. Sargent, " . . | 50 | | |
| P. Franklin Burgess, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| Manuel Avellar, " . . | 10 79 | | |
| William Arnold, " . . | 75 | | |
| James H. Morris, " . . | 1 25 | | |
| Joseph Munnies, " . . | 1 90 | | |
| Frank Burgess, " . . | 67 | | |
| Asahel F. Nott, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| Elmer Litchfield, " . . | 25 | | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., plank, . . | 78 | | |
| | | | $400 00 |

ISRAEL C. VINAL, Surveyor.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Israel C. Vinal, labor, . . . | $47 23 | | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 52 87 | | |
| John G. Hayden, " . . | 18 75 | | |
| William Enos, " . . | 17 25 | | |
| William Pratt, " . . | 2 25 | | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . | 16 25 | | |
| Frank W. Thomas, " . . | 3 75 | | |
| Manuel Silvia, " . . | 3 75 | | |
| Manuel Antone, " . . | 12 75 | | |
| Joseph L. Hayden, " . . | 2 25 | | |
| Frank H. Pratt, " . . | 3 00 | | |
| Frank F. Martin, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | | $181 60 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $181 60 | | |
| Paid Manuel Gracia, labor, . . | 3 00 | | |
| Frank Sylva, " . . | 9 00 | | |
| Joseph Jacinto, Jr., " . . | 75 | | |
| Lot Willcutt, " . . | 6 00 | | |
| Antone L. Joseph, " . . | 5 25 | | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team, | 32 25 | | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " " | 16 50 | | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " | 27 75 | | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " | 12 00 | | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " | 16 00 | | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " " | 31 50 | | |
| Otis Mott, gravel, . . . | 3 50 | | |
| Benjamin Ellms, gravel, . . | 2 40 | | |
| William St. John, " . . | 46 00 | | |
| A. H. Tower, gravel and scow, . | 15 00 | | |
| E. E. Ellms, " and team . | 41 50 | | |
| | | | $450 00 |

JAMES PETTEE, Surveyor.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and team, . | $87 56 | | |
| Alden Beal, " " . | 49 50 | | |
| William Coplin " " . | 37 50 | | |
| Richard H. Priest, " " . | 31 12 | | |
| William Mulvey, " " . | 21 00 | | |
| Patrick Downs, " " . | 14 25 | | |
| Charles L. Kittrell, labor, . . | 26 62 | | |
| John N. Cook, " . . | 5 00 | | |
| Daniel Reidy, " . . | 10 12 | | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . | 17 62 | | |
| John Dolan, " . . | 45 74 | | |
| David P. Beal, " . . | 10 50 | | |
| Benjamin F. Morse, " . . | 3 00 | | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . | 49 86 | | |
| Augustus Lothrop, gravel, . . | 27 00 | | |
| Robert Y. Beal. " . . | 9 36 | | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 4 25 | | |
| | | | $450 00 |

THOMAS BATES, Surveyor.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates, labor and team, . | $109 74 | |
| John Bates, 2d, " " . | 76 50 | |
| Joseph Smith, " " . | 10 50 | |
| William Mulvey, " " . | 7 50 | |
| A. W. Drake, " " . | 16 50 | |
| Galen James, " " . | 54 75 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, labor, . . | 19 12 | |
| Clinton F. Martin, " . . | 13 87 | |
| Charles H. Williston, " . . | 17 25 | |
| Alfred Gardner, " . . | 5 67 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . | 11 62 | |
| William T. Stewart, " . . | 8 62 | |
| Daniel Reidy, " . . | 9 37 | |
| John Dolan, " . . | 8 62 | |
| Benjamin F. Morse, " . . | 4 50 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . | 10 87 | |
| Jesse T. Barnes, " . . | 9 75 | |
| John Barnes, " . . | 9 75 | |
| Thomas Bates, gravel, . . | 66 00 | |
| Galen James, " . . | 4 50 | |
| | | $475 00 |

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*Selectmen, Surveyors.*

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Bates, Irons, . . | $ 75 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, gravel, . . | 10 63 | |
| B. C. Clark, gravel and labor, . | 15 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, labor, . . | 6 00 | |
| Frank Gross, " . . | 1 50 | |
| George Conely, labor and team, . | 12 00 | |
| John L. McGough, " " . | 3 00 | |
| Aaron Pratt, " " . | 3 00 | |
| William Damon, " " . | 3 00 | |
| George W. Pratt, " " . | 6 00 | |
| Joseph Whitcomb, " " . | 1 50 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " . | 10 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $72 38 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $72 38 | |
| Paid Joseph Jacinto, labor, . | 1 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, etc., . | 46 09 | |
| Leander W. Groce, gravel, . | 12 30 | |
| William Mulvey, labor and team, . | 9 00 | |
| David Cushing, " " . | 2 00 | |
| William Coplin, " " . | 23 62 | |
| Winthrop Knight, labor, . | 15 37 | |
| John Dolan, " . | 21 37 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . | 21 37 | |
| | | $225 00 |
| Amount expended, . . . . . | | 2000 00 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | $2000 00 |

## *Roads and Bridges.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Frank F. Martin, labor on culvert, | $ 3 50 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, Jr. " " . | 3 50 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, labor and team, . | 3 00 | |
| Thomas Gracia, " . . | 3 50 | |
| James E. Brennock, labor, mill bridge, | 1 50 | |
| James Pettee, labor and team, . . | 59 00 | |
| " " rendrock, etc., . . | 9 73 | |
| John N. Cook, labor, . . | 12 75 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . | 12 75 | |
| William Coplin, labor and team, . | 28 88 | |
| Thomas Roche, sharpening drills, . | 5 54 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, labor, . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles A. Gross, rendrock, etc., . | 2 92 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 11 15 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, labor on culverts, . | 7 87 | |
| McCuin & Davis, watering streets, . | 200 00 | |
| Michael N. Brennock, repairs, railing, | 2 00 | |
| Joseph Battles, " " . | 3 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, " " . | 5 75 | |
| James Pettee, labor on bridge, . | 3 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | | $382 34 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $382 34 | |
| Paid Joseph F. Priest, labor on bridge, . | 1 50 | |
| Richard H. Priest, " " . . | 1 50 | |
| A. W. Hayden, setting grates, . . | 7 79 | |
| | | $393 13 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 400 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | $6 87 |

## *Special Repairs on Streets.*

South Main Street, Post Office Square.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Michael O'Connell, labor, . . | $19 50 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . | 4 50 | |
| Thomas Loney, " . . | 1 75 | |
| Frank J. Damon, labor and team, | 4 50 | |
| R. J. Oakes & Sisters, gravel deliv'd, | 146 25 | |
| | | $176 50 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | $23 50 |

Margin Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Luke O'Riley, per contract, . | $195 00 | |
| " " extra, . . | 1 50 | |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying, . | 5 50 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, post, . . | .75 | |
| Frank F. Martin, labor, . . | 7 87 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, Jr., " . . | 7 87 | |
| Thomas Gracia, " . . | 4 37 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, " . . | 13 00 | |
| | | $235 86 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 300 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | $64 14 |

### Beechwood Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John L. McGough, per contract, . | $195 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . | 5 50 | |
| | | $200 50 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | .50 |

### North Main Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Frank F. Martin, per contract, . | $89 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . | 3 00 | |
| | | $92 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 75 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | 17 00 |

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## *Appropriation for Schools and Repairs on School Houses.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treas. of School Committee, for fuel and teaching, . . . . . | $5500 00 |
| Levi N. Bates, Treas. of School Committee, repairs on school houses, . . . | 600 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | $6100 00 |

### School Books.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, . . . . . | $91 97 |

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## *State and County Tax.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, . . . . . | $1920 00 | |
| County Tax, . . . . . | 1478 34 | |
| | | $3398 34 |

### *Town Hall.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Abington Mutual Fire Ins. Co., . | $16 00 | |
| C. G. Smith, for well, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, &c., . . | 13 92 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, " . . | 5 00 | |
| D. W. Pratt, painting, . . . | 5 16 | |
| A. W. Hayden, mason, . . | 2 10 | |
| Lincoln Bros., wood prepared, . | 4 63 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, Town Meeting, &c. | 17 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, repairs, 1879, . | 14 50 | |
| Catherine Gardner, cleaning, . . | 1 00 | |
| Edward E. Tower, safe, . . | 140 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., brick, &c., . | 3 35 | |
| | | $232 66 |

### *Interest and Discount.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Interest on debt, . . . . | $1507 76 | |
| Discount on taxes, . . . | 952 63 | |
| | | $2460 39 |
| Amount appropriated for interest, . . . | | 1500 00 |
| " " " discount, . . . | | 1000 00 |
| | | $2500 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 39 61 |

### *Debt.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid of the debt, . . . . . | $2000 00 |
| Amount appropriated for debt, . . . . | 2000 00 |

### *Public Library.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John W. Bates, Treasurer, . . . . | $300 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 300 00 |

See report of trustees of Public Library.

### *Improvement of Straits Pond.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire, . . | $ 4 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " . . | 16 50 | |
| William Eddy, surveying and team, | 9 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 15 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 15 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 15 00 | |
| | | $74 50 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 400 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | 325 50 |

At a meeting of the town held April 23, 1880, it was voted that the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated to improve Straits Pond, and that the same should be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, provided the town of Hull appropriate a like sum for the same purpose, and join with the town of Cohasset in making said improvements, and pay one-half of the amount so expended, by agreement by and between the two towns. It will be noticed by the above account that a small portion only of the amount appropriated was expended, for the reason the officers of the two towns could not agree upon the manner to be adopted in making said improvements; therefore your Selectmen declined to join with the Board of Health of Hull in building the expensive Dam, at the place it has been built, or partly built, at Straits Pond, knowing from past experience that a Dam at that part of the Pond would not accomplish the object, that is, to flow the Pond to a certain height and keep it there, with an occasional drawing out and letting in fresh water, and believing that at the bridge is the best and only place a Dam should be erected, to control the flow of water into Straits Pond. The Selectmen respectfully recommend that the town at its next annual meeting appropriate a sufficient sum of money, with the unexpended balance, to erect a Dam at the bridge and clean the edges of the Pond on the Cohasset side whenever needed, as requested by the petitioners by a petition presented to the town at its last annual meeting.

### *Special Repairs, Jerusalem Road.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and team, . | $22 00 | |
| Richard H. Priest, " " . | 15 00 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . | 18 00 | |
| William Copelin, " " . | 16 50 | |
| David P. Beal, labor, . . . | 7 50 | |
| John Dolan, " . . . | 9 00 | |
| Charles L. Kittrell, labor, . . | 3 00 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . | 9 00 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . | 7 50 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 4 00 | |
| | | $111 50 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 100 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | 11 50 |

EXPENSES OCCURRED IN PROCURING SIGNATURES AGAINST DIVISION OF THE TOWN, AND ATTENDING HEARINGS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles L. Kittrell, . . . | $ 3 00 | |
| Quincy A. Lothrop, . . . | 33 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, team, . . . | 11 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services & exepnses, | 73 50 | |
| Philander Bates, " " | 15 75 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " " | 15 50 | |
| | | $151 75 |

No appropriation; amount drawn from the amount received from Corporation and Bank taxes.

### *Town Officers.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services & expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | $191 55 | |
| Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | 141 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, services and expenses | | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . | | $332 55 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . | $332 55 | |
| as Selectman and Assessor, . . | 150 00 | |
| A. H. Tower Jr., Treasurer and Collector, . . . . . | 200 00 | |
| N. B. Tower, Town Clerk, . . | 30 00 | |
| Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Horace J. Damon, services as Constable, . . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, services as Constable, | 16 00 | |
| Franklin J. Damon, " " | 15 00 | |
| Frank Stoddard, " " | 7 00 | |
| John Roach, Jr., " " | 10 00 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, " " | 15 00 | |
| | | $830 55 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 800 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | 30 55 |

The amount paid in excess of the appropriation was for copying valuation book for the State, which occurs once in five years.

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AMOUNT PAID IN SETTLEMENT OF THE SUIT OF BEAL *vs.* TOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Hyde, Dickinson & Howe, cost and expense, . | $ 98 13 |
| Caleb G. Beal, for damage, . . . . . | 200 00 |
| | $298 13 |

AMOUNT PAID IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES RECEIVED IN THE HIGHWAYS ON NORTH MAIN ST.:

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Snow & Alexander, damage, . . . . . | 200 00 |
| Hyde, Dickinson & Howe, costs and services, | 40 00 |
| | $240 00 |

No appropriations for the amounts paid in settlements of the above cases.

## *Miscellaneous.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John H. Morgan, Truant officer, 1879, | . . | $15 00 |
| Solomon J. Hayden, distributing reports, | . . | 4 00 |
| Caleb Lothrop, copying records, | . . . | 30 00 |
| John J. A. Pratt, Beechwood School-house, 1879, | | 8 50 |
| D. O. Wade, Jerusalem School-house, 1879, | . | 14 70 |
| Bela Stoddard, Centre " " | . | 6 00 |
| G. P. Pratt, Insane case, | . . . . | 5 00 |
| Aaron Pratt, expenses Minot property, | . . | 6 75 |
| Jonathan Cobb, Register of Probate, | . . | 1 00 |
| Mrs. John Smith, for Mrs. Mendoca, 1878, | . | 13 00 |
| Samuel Bates, Pump &c., | . . . . | 10 80 |
| J. H. Burdakin, Register of Deeds, | . . | 20 40 |
| Lawrence McGough, and others, digging well, | | 44 37 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, cask, | " | 1 25 |
| George W. Cousens, labor, | " | 10 25 |
| Frank Pearson, " | " | 1 50 |
| Thomas Mulcahy, use of pump, | " | 1 50 |
| A. W. Hayden, mason work, | " | 9 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, carting, | " | 2 25 |
| Charles F. Tilden, iron-work, | " | 1 00 |
| Zaccheus Rich, platform, | " | 3 75 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, brick, &c., | " | 30 97 |
| C. A. Gross, postage and stationery, | . . | 31 77 |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs, hearse, &c., | . . | 2 65 |
| C. F. Nichols, soda, soap, cleaning offices, | . | 49 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, platform for well, | . . | 9 00 |
| " " guide post, | . . . | 2 50 |
| Amos E. Tilden, carting, well, | . . . | 85 |
| Catherine Gardner, cleaning, | . . . . | 50 |
| Ann Thomas, " offices, | . . | 4 00 |
| J. Foster Doane, copying census, | . . . | 5 00 |
| C. H. Wood, use of well, | . . . . | 1 00 |
| Waldo C. Locke, mowing bushes, | . . . | 7 00 |
| Caleb Lincoln, " " | . . . | 8 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | . . . . . | $313 75 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | $313 75 |
| Paid C. F. B. Tilden, horse-hire assessors, . . | 5 00 |
| " " " telegrams, &c., . . . | 3 75 |
| Hyde, Dickinson, & Howe, advice, . . . | 20 00 |
| C. L. Kittrell, care of pump S. pond, . . | 4 00 |
| Mrs. A. H. Prouty, damage, . . . . | 15 00 |
| Israel C. Vinal, flag-staff, . . . . | 4 00 |
| D. W. Pratt, painting pumps, . . . . | 4 33 |
| A. W. Hayden, well, South M. street, . . | 2 00 |
| Zaccheus Rich, return of deaths, . . . | 7 25 |
| N. B. Tower, recording births, deaths and marriages, . . . . . | 39 80 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of 46 tramps, . . | 16 10 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, well, So. Main St., | 6 93 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock and ringing bell, | 30 00 |
| Beals Express, . . . . . | 10 00 |
| George W. Cousens, labor on guide-post, . | 75 |
| | $482 66 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 600 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | 117 34 |

Paid Cohasset Savings Bank, mortgages on Mary J. Enos's house and land on Summer street, and said mortgage was assigned to the town, $152 19

No appropriation.

The Overseers of the Poor deemed it to be for the interest of the town to take an assignment of the above mortgage, thinking that by so doing it secured their claim for assistance, and would prevent outside parties coming between the owner and the town by taking an assignment of the mortgage, the town having virtually paid the interest on the note. It will be seen by this year's report that we have saved $20.00 in assistance rendered and received $10.50 interest on said investment, thereby having been the means of more exertion to get a living on the part of the owner.

# RECAPITULATION.

| | Amount Expended. | Amount Appropria'd | Expended over the Appropriation. | Expended less than Appropriation. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Removing Snow..... | $ 200 55 | $ 300 00 | | $99 45 |
| Fire Department..... | 159 44 | 200 00 | | 40 56 |
| Printing..... | 196 71 | 200 00 | | 3 29 |
| Highways..... | 2000 00 | 2000 00 | | |
| Roads and Bridges ..... | 393 13 | 400 00 | | 6 87 |
| Special Repairs, S. M. Street. | 176 50 | 200 00 | | 23 50 |
| " " Margin " | 235 86 | 300 00 | | 64 14 |
| " " Beechwood " | 200 50 | 200 00 | 50 | |
| " " North M. " | 92 00 | 75 00 | $ 17 00 | |
| " " Jerusalem road | 111 50 | 100 00 | 11 50 | |
| Schools and Houses ..... | 6100 00 | 6100 00 | | |
| State and County tax..... | 3398 34 | 3398 34 | | |
| Interest and Discount..... | 2460 39 | 2500 00 | | 39 61 |
| Payment of Debt..... | 2000 00 | 2000 00 | | |
| Public Library..... | 300 00 | 300 00 | | |
| Straits Pond ..... | 74 50 | 400 00 | | 325 50 |
| Town Officers..... | 830 55 | 800 00 | 30 55 | |
| Miscellaneous..... | 482 66 | 600 00 | | 117 34 |
| Overseers of Poor..... | 5416 79 | 4000 00 | 1416 79 | |
| State Aid, Chap. 301..... | 339 00 | No Appro | priations. | |
| Military Aid, Chap. 252..... | 752 00 | " | " | |
| Abatement of Taxes..... | 241 72 | " | " | |
| School Books..... | 91 97 | " | " | |
| Town Hall..... | 232 66 | " | " | |
| Division of Town..... | 151 75 | " | " | |
| Law Suits..... | 538 13 | " | " | |
| Enos Mortgage..... | 152 19 | " | " | |
| | $27,328 84 | $24,073 34 | $1,476 34 | $720 26 |

## *Financial Condition of the Town.*

FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

FUNDED DEBT. (Issue of May 1, 1876.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Zenas D. Lincoln, Note due 1881, | . | $1,000 00 | |
| Charles Pratt, " 1882, | . | 1,000 00 | |
| Abraham H. Tower, " 1883, | . | 1,000 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, 7 notes, due 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, | | 7,000 00 | |
| | | | $10,000 00 |

(ISSUE OF APRIL 15, 1878.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Howard Pratt, 2 Notes due, 1881, | . | $1,000 00 | |
| Franklin J. Damon, " 1882, | . | 1,000 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " 1883, | . | 500 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " 1883, | . | 300 00 | |
| Alfred Whittington, " 1883, | . | 200 00 | |
| James Wilson, " 1884, | . | 1,000 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, " 1885, | . | 1,000 00 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, " 1886, | . | 500 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, " 1886, | . | 500 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, " 1887, | . | 1,000 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, 3 notes due 1888, '89, '90, | | 3,000 00 | |
| | | | $10,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Mutual Fire Insurance Co., | . | $500 00 | |
| Martha T. Bates, balance, | . | 1,500 00 | |
| Joseph F. Paul, " | . | 900 00 | |
| Nancy S. Whitcomb, 2 notes, | . | 450 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, | . | 200 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, | . | 600 00 | |
| Robert T. Burbank, | . | 500 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, | . | 200 00 | |
| | | | $4,850 00 |
| Amount of Interest-bearing debt, | . | | $24,850 00 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from State, for State and Military Aid, | $715 00 |
| South Scituate, | 113 42 |
| Mary J. Enos, | 350 00 |
| Sarah C. Koop, | 343 25 |
| Mary L. Mendoca, | 400 00 |
| Thomas J. Sheridan, | 17 55 |
| Town of Hingham, | 39 75 |
| Philip D. Minot's Estate, | 300 00 |
| Balance in Treasury, | 5,007 74 |
| | $7,286 71 |

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|---|---|
| Amount of Interest-bearing debt, | $24,850 00 |
| " of Assets, | 7,286 71 |
| " of Actual Debt, | $17,563 29 |
| Amount of Actual Debt, Feb. 1, 1880, | $20,275 67 |
| Reduction of Actual Debt, in 1880, | $2,712 38 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

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## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1881.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand February 1, 1880, | $1,754 37 |
| Paid Arthur E. Beal, dry goods, | 13 21 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, flour and groceries, | 95 13 |
| W. W. Bates, " " | 103 32 |
| Herbert L. Brown, " " | 36 78 |
| Samuel P. Stoddard, " | 50 52 |
| David B. Tower, " | 63 10 |
| Charles A. Gross, grain and " | 105 21 |
| *Amount carried forward.* | $2,221 64 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | $2,221 64 |
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., grain and groceries, . | 109 44 |
| Herbert A. Tilden, " " . . | 61 17 |
| Frances H. Nichols, dry goods, . . . | 6 33 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, . . . . . | 159 81 |
| William F. Thayer, " . . . . . | 60 95 |
| Daniel W. Taylor, fish, . . . . . | 27 69 |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . . . . | 31 85 |
| Tower, Brother & Co., coal and lumber, . | 29 84 |
| Samuel Bates, tinware, etc., . . . . . | 39 20 |
| Philander Bates, boots and shoes, . . . | 11 15 |
| Charles F. Tilden, pung, and repairs, . . | 68 60 |
| John Souther, cobbling, . . . . . | 17 30 |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . . . | 5 00 |
| F. W. Browne, medicine, . . . . . | 6 65 |
| F. J. Damon, smithing, . . . . . | 15 75 |
| William O. Souther, salary, . . . . . | 300 00 |
| Nancy Nichols, labor, . . . . . | 104 00 |
| Ezekiel L. James, " . . . . . | 50 50 |
| Charles H. Williston, labor, . . . | 33 86 |
| Robert T. Burbank, " . . . . . | 13 00 |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr. " . . . . . | 12 47 |
| Jesse T. Barnes, " . . . . . | 6 00 |
| Thomas F. Kinslie, " . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Samuel G. James, plowing, . . . . . | 8 00 |
| Thomas Roche, smithing, . . . . . | 7 20 |
| Mass. Ploughman, . . . . . | 2 70 |
| Town of Plymouth, C. Hayden, . . . . | 1 75 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse-hire, . . . . | 4 00 |
| Thomas Bates, use of stock, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Ziba C. Small, painting, . . . . . | 7 40 |
| A. W. Hayden, whitewashing, . . . . | 7 00 |
| W. O. Souther, sundry bills paid, . . . . | 61 12 |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 5 85 |
| Overseers of Poor, salary, . . . . . | 65 00 |
| | $3,570 22 |

## *Stock at Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1881.*

| | |
|---|---|
| 11 Turkeys, . . | $16 50 |
| 50 Hens, . . | 25 00 |
| 1 Horse, . . | 75 00 |
| 2 Cows, . . . | 85 00 |
| 2 Horse Carts, . | 50 00 |
| 1 Farm Wagon, . | 85 00 |
| 1 Express " . | 65 00 |
| 1 Pung, . . . | 38 00 |
| 1 Sled, . . . | 5 00 |
| 2 Wheelbarrows, . | 9 00 |
| 1 Harrow, . . | 10 00 |
| 3 Plows, . . | 13 00 |
| 2 Cart Harnesses, . | 25 00 |
| 1 Wagon, " . | 15 00 |
| 1 Lead, " . | 8 00 |
| Robes and Blankets, | 3 00 |
| Carpenter's Tools, . | 4 50 |
| Saws, Axes and Hatchets, | 8 00 |
| Drills, Hammers, etc., | 20 00 |
| Chains, etc., . . | 10 00 |
| Farming Tools, . | 25 00 |
| 1 Drag, . . . | 1 00 |
| Lumber, . . | 8 00 |
| Casks and Barrels, . | 18 00 |
| Household Furniture, | 350 00 |
| Wooden Ware, . | 30 00 |
| Crockery and Glassware, | 25 00 |
| Cutlery, Spoons, etc., | 12 00 |
| Tin, Earthen & Stoneware, | 35 00 |
| Stoves and Fixtures, | 55 00 |
| Paint, Oil and Brushes, | 4 50 |
| 150 lbs. Salt Beef, . | 13 50 |
| 132 lbs. Fresh Beef, | 19 80 |
| 400 lbs. Salt Pork, . | 40 00 |
| 100 lbs. Hams, . | 12 00 |
| 64 lbs. Shoulders, . | 5 76 |
| 65 lbs. Lard, . | 7 15 |
| 35 lbs. Butter, . | 12 25 |
| Groceries, .. . | 25 00 |
| Half Barrel Flour, . | 4 00 |
| 6 Barrels Apples, . | 6 00 |
| 100 Gallons Vinegar, | 25 00 |
| 45 Bushels Potatoes, | 33 75 |
| 3 Bushels Beets, . | 2 25 |
| 12 Bushels Carrots, | 6 00 |
| 10 Bushels Turnips, | 5 00 |
| Half Ton Mangolds, | 5 00 |
| 5 dozen Cabbages, . | 3 50 |
| 1 Barrel Squashes, . | 2 00 |
| 8 tons English Hay, | 200 00 |
| 1½ Tons Salt Hay, . | 15 00 |
| Half Ton Oat Straw, | 10 00 |
| Grain and Bags, . | 5 00 |
| Lot Manure, . | 55 00 |
| Half Ton Coal, . | 3 50 |
| 5 Cords Hard Wood, | 30 00 |
| 2 Cords Trash, " . | 6 00 |
| | $1685 96 |

## *Almshouse Account of Sales.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Bourne & Nickerson, calves, & hides, . . | | $25 68 |
| William F. Thayer, pork, . . . . . | | 20 96 |
| Milk, potatoes and turkeys, . . . . | | 96 91 |
| Removing Snow, . . . . . | | 12 00 |
| Vinal and Mendoca, rent, . . . . . | | 34 19 |
| | | $189 74 |
| Amount of Stock on hand, . . | $1,685 96 | |
| " Sales, . . . . . | 189 74 | |
| | | 1,875 70 |
| Debit brought forward, . . . . . | | 3,570 22 |
| Credit, " " . . . . . | | 1,875 70 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, . . . . . | | $1,694 52 |
| Expenses of inmates at Almhouse for 555 weeks at $3.05$\frac{177}{555}$ amounts to . . - . . | | 1,694 52 |

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## *Support and Relief of Persons Outside of Almshouse,*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester, for Elizabeth J. Dady, . . . . . | | $183 78 |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for J. J. Lothrop, Jr. | | 185 70 |
| " " " for Wm. Kilburn, . | | 188 61 |
| " " " for Wm. Taylor, . | | 176 95 |
| Danvers " " for Julia Macomber, | | 205 56 |
| | | $940 60 |
| City of Boston for Mary C. Kent, | $125 94 | |
| " " Abigail B. Orcutt, | 52 00 | |
| " " Eliz. J. Nichols, | 12 00 | |
| " " Ennice Sterling, | 64 04 | |
| " " Stephen P. Barnes, | 7 80 | |
| | | $261 78 |

SARAH C. KOOP.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on treasury, . . . . . | $80 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . . . | 18 75 | |
| | | $98 75 |

MANUEL ENOS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on treasury, . . . . . | | $100 00 |

HANNAH WHEELWRIGHT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on treasury, . . . . . | | 78 50 |

MYRA GARDNER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Epharim Battles, . . . . . | | 78 00 |

FRANK KENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Isaac Kent, . . . . . | | 120 00 |

HANNAH L. CUSHING.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid S. H. Winckley, . . . . . | | 78 00 |

ELIZABETH AINSLIE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Order on treasury, . . . . . | $128 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| | | $140 00 |

DEBORAH KILBURN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries, . | $ 9 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, " . | 93 93 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., " . | 43 95 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 12 25 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 10 00 | |
| | | $169 13 |

MRS. JOHN MCCORMICK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . | $18 00 | |
| H. A. Tilden, " . | 13 00 | |
| Lincoln Bro., coal, . . . . | 14 50 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . . | 2 40 | |
| | | 47 90 |

### Addie L. Bogues.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries, . | $39 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, " . | 92 43 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 16 75 | |
| | | 148 18 |

### John Tyrar.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles A. Gross, groceries, . . . | | 113 64 |

### William H. Litchfield.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Scituate, . . . | $111 00 | |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., clothing, . | 16 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 20 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 10 00 | |
| | | 157 50 |

### William Hayden.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . | $39 00 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, . . | 19 18 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 4 00 | |
| | | 62 18 |

### Frank Pearson.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . | $91 82 | |
| W. F. Thayer, beef, . . . | 19 91 | |
| | | 111 73 |

### Charles H. Litchfield.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John H. Morgan, cloth, &c., . | $7 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, boots, . . . | 2 25 | |
| | | 9 25 |

### Levi L. Minot.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Hosea D. Nott, board and nursing, | $63 49 | |
| George F. Munnies, . . . | 33 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 25 00 | |
| | | 121 49 |

### David H. Stoddard.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, . . . . | | 62 00 |

### Susan Waters.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, wood, . . . . | $ 2 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 12 75 | |
| | | 15 25 |

### Joas C. Henriques.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, . . | $10 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 20 00 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, burial expenses, . | 18 00 | |
| L. W. Bates, digging grave, . . | 3 00 | |
| | | 51 00 |

### Joseph F. Martin.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on treasury, . . . . . | | 55 50 |

### Susan Meeker.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries, . | $9 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, " . . | 9 25 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal . . | 8 75 | |
| | | 27 00 |

### Antone F. Bandura.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid City of Gloucester, . . . . . | | 8 75 |

### Minnie G. Brooks.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State of Massachusetts, . . . . | | 16 00 |

### Mary O'Brien.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on treasury, . . . . . | $48 00 | |
| Paid Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 12 00 | |
| | | 60 00 |

### Antone George.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid City of Cambridge, . . . . | $15 00 | |
| " Boston. . . . . | 13 25 | |
| | | 28 25 |

JOSEPH E. SMITH.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, . . | $78 79 | |
| W. F. Thayer, beef, . . . | 33 22 | |
| L. W. Bates, rent and milk, . . | 36 41 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 9 00 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, burial of child, . | 8 50 | |
| | | 165 92 |

DORCUS M. REED.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, | $34 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, " " | 38 00 | |
| | | 72 00 |

HANNAH JOSEPH.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Francis L. Pratt, groceries, . . | $13 25 | |
| Herbert A. Tilden, " . . | 10 00 | |
| | | 23 25 |

JOSEPH MUNNIES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | $15 00 | |
| Mrs. G. F. Munnies, care, . . | 6 00 | |
| F. W. Brown, medicine, . . | 1 05 | |
| | | 22 05 |

ANTONE JOSEPH.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid from the treasury, . . . | $18 00 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, burial, . . . | 18 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 8 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, carriage, . . | 2 50 | |
| | | 46 50 |

CHARLOTTE WILLISTON.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . . | 22 00 |

ISAAC H. TOWER.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Philander Bates, boots, . . . . | 3 00 |

ROSA L. FLAVIN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Order on treasury, . . . . . | 8 00 |

CHARLES MCCARTY.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Tower, Bro. & Co., supplies, | | | $11 39 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services & expenses, [as overseers of the poor, | 36 50 | | |
| Philander Bates, " " | 15 00 | | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " " | 15 00 | | |
| | | | 66 50 |
| | | | $3,600 99 |

CR.

| | |
|---|---|
| By amount due from James Dady, | $183 78 |
| " " South Scituate, | 62 00 |
| " " Hingham, | 93 25 |
| " " Rockland, | 11 39 |
| " " State paupers, | 171 50 |
| " " City of Boston, | 8 00 |
| | $529 92 |
| Amount of expenses at Almhouse, | $1,694 52 |
| " " outside relief, | 3,600 99 |
| | $5,295 51 |
| Deduct outside credit, | 529 92 |
| Total amount for support of poor, | $4,765 59 |
| Amount appropriated, | 4,000 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, | $765 59 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1880–81.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's Orders drawn to date, | | $12,037 39 |
| " " old outstanding Order paid in 1877, and accidentally omitted in Treasurers account, | | 350 00 |
| " Assessors orders for abatement of taxes, | | 241 72 |
| " State aid and relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, | | 1,091 00 |
| " Town's Appropriation for Schools and repairs of School houses, | | 6,100 00 |
| " Additional items on School account, | | 448 92 |
| " Discount on taxes as paid to Sept. 1, 1880, | | 952 63 |
| " State of Massachusetts tax for 1880, | | 1,920 00 |
| " County of Norfolk tax for 1880, | | 1,478 34 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, funded note due, 1880, | | 1,000 00 |
| " Bela Stoddard, funded note due, 1880, | | 600 00 |
| " Samuel E. Pratt, " " 1880, | | 200 00 |
| " David W. Whitcomb, " " 1880, | | 200 00 |
| " Joseph F. Paul, on account demand note, | | 100 00 |
| " Martha T. Bates " " | | 100 00 |
| " Hired money in anticipation of taxes, | | 8,000 00 |
| " Interest on Town's Notes, | | 1,507 76 |
| | | $36,327 76 |
| Balance in Treasury, viz: | | |
| Unpaid taxes, | $2,917 11 | |
| Cash on deposit, at interest, | 2,090 63 | |
| | | $ 5,007 74 |
| | | $41,335 50 |

COHASSET, FEB. 1, 1881.

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COHASSET, FEB. 10, 1881.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correctly cast, and properly vouched.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

1880–81.

| | |
|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury from former account, . . . | $2,947 58 |
| Received of State Treas. State Aid and Relief, 1880, . . | 450 00 |
| " " National Bank tax, " . . | 1,230 48 |
| " " Corporation tax, " . . | 2,451 79 |
| " " State Pauper account, " . . | 171 50 |
| " " Income Mass. School Fund, 1880, . | 190 88 |
| " Norfolk County, dog licenses, 1880, . .. . | 187 64 |
| " " discount on tax paid in anticipation, . . . . . | 22 18 |
| " Town of So. Scituate, supplies in 1879, . . | 57 31 |
| " " Rockland, " " 1880, . . | 11 39 |
| " " Hingham, sup. Myra Gardner, 1880, . | 69 00 |
| " James Dady, for support of insane wife at Hospital, in full to Jan 1, 1881, . . . . | 633 19 |
| " Louis N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, . . | 41 50 |
| " Rent of offices at Harbor School-house, . . | 60 00 |
| " " Philip D. Minot, house, . . . | 49 00 |
| " " Manuel F. Mendoca, house, . . | 29 19 |
| " " David Vinal, house, . . . . | 5 00 |
| " Hatherly Merritt, for Pedlar's license, . . | 8 00 |
| " Almshouse sales of produce, &c., including amt. due ($9.05) from Bourne & Nickerson, 1879, | 143 55 |
| " Interest on Bank deposits, and fees collected on payment of delinquent taxes, . . . | 118 24 |
| " Interest of Ripley Fund, 1880, . . . . | 40 40 |
| " " of Mary J. Enos, mortgage note, . . | 10 50 |
| " Non-residents, for Schooling, . . . . | 30 00 |
| " From sundry items, cement, damage, &c., . . | 5 40 |
| " Heirs of Susan Willcutt, from sale of land for taxes, in excess of costs and charges, . . | 59 34 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, . . | 5,000 00 |
| " Henry C. Tower, " " . . | 3,000 00 |
| " Bela Stoddard, on demand note, . . . | 600 00 |
| " Robert T. Burbank, " " . . . | 500 00 |
| " Samuel E. Pratt, " " . . . | 200 00 |
| " Nancy S. Whitcomb, " " . . . | 200 00 |
| " Tax list for 1880, . . . . . | 22,812 44 |
| | $41,335 50 |

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

## *Town of Cohasset in Account with School Committee.*

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*Dr.*

1880–81.

HIGH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $1000 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 800 00 | |
| | | $1,800 00 |
| Solomon J. Hayden, janitor, . . | 48 00 | |
| " " labor on wood, . | 5 29 | |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . | 47 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., . . . | 50 62 | |
| | | 151 41 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | $340 00 | |
| A. M. Beal, care of room, . . | 3 00 | |
| | | 343 00 |

NORTH SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary, " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | 640 00 |
| Geo. Morse, care of rooms and fires, | $ 6 00 | |
| W. H. Ready, " " " | 6 00 | |
| W. H. Ready, labor on wood, . | 8 50 | |
| S. G. James, ½ cord pine wood, . | 2 50 | |
| Teachers, care of rooms, . . | 6 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, 4 cords pine wood, . | 26 00 | |
| R. T. Burbank, ½ cord pine wood, . | 2 50 | |
| | | 57 50 |

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | $340 00 | $2,991 91 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $340 00 | $2,991 91 |
| Paid Primary, " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | 640 00 |
| William Hayden, care of rooms & fires, | 17 50 | |
| Thomas Tower, " " " | 3 00 | |
| John Keating, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . | 29 57 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor on wood, | 5 75 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 16 25 | |
| M. B. Stetson, 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 50 | |
| | | 80 57 |

SOUTH SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary, " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | 640 00 |
| T. Albert Brennock, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | $12 00 | |
| Mary F. Osgood, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Myra L. Beal, care of rooms & fires, | 3 00 | |
| M. E. Nichols, " " " | 3 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor on wood, | 5 15 | |
| M. B. Stetson, ½ cord pine wood, . | 2 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 39 10 | |
| | | 66 25 |

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School teacher, . . | $450 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | 750 00 |
| Lot W. Bates, 6 cords hard wood, | 36 00 | |
| " " 1 " pine " | 4 50 | |
| " " labor on wood, . | 19 50 | |
| J. Q. Litchfield, care of rooms & fires, | 10 00 | |
| | | 70 00 |
| *Amo carried forward,* . . . . . | | $5,238 73 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | | $5,238 73 |

HARBOR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | 300 00 |
| William Hayden, care of rooms and fire, . . . . . | $ 8 00 | |
| Teacher, care of rooms and fire, . | 3 00 | |
| William Hayden, preparing fuel, . | 1 25 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, " " . | 2 75 | |
| M. B. Stetson, ½ cord pine wood, . | 2 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 20 00 | |
| | | 37 50 |

KING STREET SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | 340 00 |
| H. W. Burbank, care of room and fire, | $9 00 | |
| E. L. James, 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 50 | |
| E. L. James, labor on wood, . . | 3 00 | |
| | | 17 50 |

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Miss M. Doane, 1 map, . . | $ 2 00 | |
| N. E. Furnishing Co., stationery, . | 7 75 | |
| Carl Schoenhof, repairing dictionary | 70 | |
| Lee & Shepard, 12 U. S. History, | 10 80 | |
| Gunn & Heath, Language Lessons, | 3 92 | |
| Knight, Adams & Co., stationery, | 2 80 | |
| Boston School Supply Co., " | 2 03 | |
| N. E. News Co., stationery, . . | 8 79 | |
| Appleton & Co., reading books, . | 12 00 | |
| | | 50 79 |
| Expended last year in excess of appropriation, . | | 147 01 |
| | | $6,131 53 |

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|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation, . . . | $5,500 00 | |
| State School Fund, . . . . | 198 88 | |
| Norfolk Dog license, . . . | 187 64 | |
| Ripley School Fund, . . . | 40 40 | |
| Tuition of non-resident scholars, . | 30 00 | |
| | | $5,956 92 |
| Expended in excess of appropriation, . . . | | 174 61 |
| | | $6,131 53 |

## *Expenditures on School-Houses.*

### High School-Rooms.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning rooms, . | $12 76 | |
| E. N. Barker, painting and stock, . | 22 96 | |
| Samuel Bates, stove and repairs, . | 87 86 | |
| A. T. Bliss & Co., programmes, . | 12 00 | |
| J. H. Bufford, diplomas, . . | 5 00 | |
| Geo. M. Comer, filling in diplomas, | 1 50 | |
| A. M. Raymond, tuning piano, . | 5 00 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating &c., . | 7 15 | |
| E. E. Ellms, 4 loads gravel & carting, | 2 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, cleaning, . | 2 72 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayon, &c., . | 22 45 | |
| | | $181 40 |

### North School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Julia F. Henry, cleaning, . . | $10 65 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, . | 4 92 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating &c., . | 2 80 | |
| J. L. Hammett, settees, . . . | 6 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 4 75 | |
| | | 29 12 |

### Centre School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. M. Mulcahy, cleaning, . . | $10 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | $10 00 | $210 52 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $10 00 | $210 52 |
| Paid Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, . | 4 96 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating, &c., . | 6 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 7 40 | |
| | | 28 61 |

KING STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mary J. Williston, cleaning, . . | $4 00 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, . . . | 1 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, books and stationery, . | 4 15 | |
| | | 9 65 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, cleaning, . . . . . | $4 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, books, . . . . | 2 80 | |
| | | 7 30 |

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. M. Cronican, cleaning, . . | $ 9 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs on stoves, . | 12 99 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating, . . | 6 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons, &c., . | 12 45 | |
| | | 40 94 |

HARBOR SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. F. Thomas, cleaning, . . | $8 00 | |
| Louis Willcutt, labor, . . . | 3 50 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, slating, &c., . | 5 75 | |
| D. W. Pratt, stock and labor, . . | 1 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, crayons, &c., . . | 30 | |
| | | 19 05 |

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Bates, repairs on stove, . | $ 1 54 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, . . . | 5 00 | |
| Warren Bates, labor, . . . | 6 50 | |
| A. L. Bogues, cleaning, . . | 8 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward.* . . . | $21 04 | $316 07 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $21 04 | $316 07 |
| Paid Lot W. Bates, cleaning vault, . | 1 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, ink, crayons nd books, | 14 35 | |
| | | $36 39 |
| Paid Joseph Osgood, supt. of Schools, | $200 00 | |
| Levi N. Bates, Treas. school com. | 25 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire, supt. | 20 00 | |
| " express wagon, sch'l w'k, | 2 00 | |
| | | $247 00 |
| | | $599 46 |

BILLS UNPAID.

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|---|---|---|
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | $55 61 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, stock and labor, . | 63 47 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse and buggy, . | 15 00 | |
| C. Knapp, setting glass, . . . | 4 00 | |
| John J. A. Pratt, repairs, . . . | 9 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, mason work, . . | 2 05 | |
| John H. Morgan, truant officer, . . | 12 00 | |
| | | $161 13 |
| | | $760 59 |
| By amount of appropriation . | $600 00 | |
| Exceeded " . . | $160 59 | |

L. N. BATES,

*Treasurer of School Committee.*

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## ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

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|---|---|
| For Payment of debt, . . . . . | $2000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . . | 1500 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, . . . . . | 1000 00 |
| Support of Poor, . . . . . | 4500 00 |
| " Schools, . . . . . | 5500 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | $14,500 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | | $14,500 00 |
| For Repairs of School Houses and salaries of Supt. and Treas. of School Commmittee. | | 600 00 |
| Deficiency of school accounts, | | 400 00 |
| Removing snow, | | 300 00 |
| Roads and bridges, | | 400 00 |
| Repairs of highways, | | 2000 00 |
| Town officers, | | 800 00 |
| Printing, | | 200 00 |
| Fire department, | | 200 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | | 600 00 |
| Special repairs Jerusalem Road, | | 1000 00 |
| Improvement Straits Pond, | | 1000 00 |
| | | $22,000 00 |
| Deduct sums available for the above appropriations. | | |
| Cash in the Treasury, | $2000 00 | |
| Estimated amount from unpaid taxes, | 1000 00 | |
| Estimated amount to be received from Corporations and Bank tax, 1881, | 2500 00 | |
| | | $5500 00 |
| | | $16,500 00 |
| For Public Library, | | 200 00 |
| | | $16,700 00 |

Recommend the raising (of the above sum) by taxation in 1881 for the above purposes.

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## TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

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|---|---|
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1879, | $1,542,418 00 |
| " of Personal Estate, " " | 996,084 00 |
| Total for 1879, | $2,538,502 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Valuation of Real Estate May 1, 1880, . | | $1,582,024 00 |
| " of Personal Estate, . . . | | 1,029,359 00 |
| Total, for 1880, . . . . . | | $2,611,383 00 |
| Increase in valuation in 1880, . . . | | $73,881 00 |
| Number of Polls in 1880, . . . . | 576 | |
| Tax on Polls and Estates, . . . . | | $22,566 77 |
| Rate per cent on $1000, . . . . | | 8 20 |
| Number of dwelling houses 1880, . . | 531 | |
| " Horses, " . . . | 241 | |
| " Cows, " . . . | 271 | |
| " Sheep, " . . . | 1 | |
| " Acres of land taxed, . . . | | 5813 |

## LIST OF JURORS

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town at its Annual March Meeting, to be held March 7, 1881.

Thomas A. Bates,
Loring Bates,
Philander Bates,
Allen C. Bates,
Edwin Bates,
William H. Beal,
Walter S. Beal,
Zaccheus L. Beal.
James W. Bell,
Thomas D. Blossom,
Charles G. Crockett,
Ephraim M. Couilard,
Robert L. Curtis,
John M. Damon,
Horace J. Damon,
Edward E. Ellms,
William Eddy,
Stephen D. Farrar,
Thomas R. Farrow,
Samuel L. Groce,
Warren S. Gammons,
George O. Higgins,
Galen James,
George W. Kimball,
Charles L. Kittrell,
Richard W. Lothrop,
Waldo C. Locke.
Louis N. Lincoln,
Caleb Lincoln,
Joseph B. Lincoln,
Samuel E. Pratt,
Robert B. Pratt,
George W. Pratt,
Ziba C. Small,
Morgan B. Stetson,
Andrew J. Souther,
A. H. Tower, Jr.,
Lewis Willcutt.

## LIST OF JURYMEN

Drawn during the Year ending March 1, 1881.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 25, 1880, | C. James Pratt, | Grand Juror. | |
| March 25, 1880, | Otis S. Wilbur, | Superior Court, | |
| April 14, 1880, | George Bates, | " | " |
| August 28, 1880, | Levi L. Worrick, Jr., | " | " |
| Sept. 14, 1880, | George W. Cousens, | " | " |
| Nov. 29, 1880, | Adna Bates, | " | " |
| Dec. 15, 1880, | Thomas Bates, | " | " |
| Feb. 3, 1881, | Franklin Stoddard, | Sup. Jud. Court. | |

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## ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, March 7, 1881.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer and Trustees of Public Library, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law, and By-laws of the Town.

Article 4. What sums of money will the Town raise for the Support of the Poor, Repairs of Highways, Support of Schools, Payment of Debt, Interest, Discount, and other neccessary charges and expenses for the current year. Also will the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of Taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

Article 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

Article 7. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 8. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 9. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements on Jerusalem Road, or act thereon.

Article 10. Will the Town appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Straits Pond, or act thereon.

Article 11. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvements on Cedar Street, or act thereon.

Article 12. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of North Main Street, or act thereon.

Article 13. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on purchasing a Bell for the Engine House, and act thereon.

Article 14. Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the Public Library.

Article 15. Will the Town vote to direct the Selectmen to lay out a new road from Isaac W. Beal's Dwelling House on Hull Street, to Forest Avenue, or act thereon.

Article 16. To hear the Report of any Committee, and act thereon.

Article 17. To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town Offices and to vote in Town Affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

Article 18. Will the Town pay Sarah S. Groce or Leander W. Groce one hundred and seventy-five dollars, with interest for ten years, for damages, caused by the overflow of water on their land at Straits Pond, or act thereon.

Article 19. Will the Town cause the Road to be widened opposite the North School House, or act thereon.

Article 20. What action will the Town take in regard to

the County of Norfolk furnishing a school for Truant Children in the County.

Article 21. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to remove a portion of the Ledge near the South School House, or act thereon.

Article 22. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Spring Street, or act thereon.

# LIST OF

# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

## Registered in Cohasset, for the year 1880.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

### MARRIAGES.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1880. | | | |
| Jan. 1, | Daniel O. Sullivan<br>Mary Ann Viguer | Cohasset<br>Weymouth | Married in Weymouth by Rev. Peter J. Leddy. |
| " 1, | George W. Crocker<br>Joanna H. Barnes | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager |
| " 15, | E. Herbert Towle<br>Sarah C. Nichols | Boston<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 18, | William W. Blanchard<br>Addie Nightingale | So. Abington.<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Feb. 24, | William R. Martin<br>Catherine Kelley | Weymouth<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| " 28, | Oscar A. Symmes<br>Hannah C. Wade | Middleboro'<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 29, | Eugene A. Damon<br>Mary J. Damon | Scituate<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. C. Hood. |
| Mar. 25, | Joseph D. Hutchinson<br>Margaret F. Johnson | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| April 1, | John Thomas<br>Louisa Vargus | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| " 20, | Alonzo L. Palmer<br>Polly N. Fish | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 26, | Henry L. McMahon<br>Jane E. Rafferty | Cohasset<br>Dedham | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| " 29, | James Doherty<br>Martha A. McDonald | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| June 6, | Franklin Blanchard<br>Ella F. Rice | Weymouth<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " 9, | Lester G. Willett<br>Clara C. Vinal | So. Weymo'th<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| Aug. 4, | David O. Wade<br>Carrie L. Richardson | Cohasset<br>" | Married in East Weymouth by Rev. Franklin P. Chapin. |
| Sept. 2, | Edgar Buffum<br>Mary F. Lawrence | Milton<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 5, | August L. V. Loehr<br>Antoinette J. B. Hoppe | N. Y. city<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |

**MARRIAGES. — Continued.**

| Date. | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and By Whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1880. Oct. 3, | Joseph Butman, Jr. | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| | Mary A. Stewart | " | |
| " 7, | Edward F. Ripley | Boston | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Roberta Nichols | Cohasset | |
| " 24, | Howard E. Litchfield | Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Ida M. Williams | Cohasset | |
| " 26, | Francis D. Sargent | Cohasset | Married in Ludlow, Vt., by Rev. Nathan F. Perry. |
| | Mary A. Prior | Ludlow, Vt. | |
| " 27, | Oren A. Beal | Cohasset | Married in Boston by Rev. E. K. Alden. |
| | Maggie L. McLellan | Boston | |
| " 28, | Abraham H. Tower, 3d | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Mary F. Osgood | " | |
| Nov. 4, | George A. Tower | Wilton, N. H. | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| | Susie H. Smith | Cohasset | |
| " 17, | Martin Cushing | Hingham | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| | Lizzie S. Hudson | Cohasset | |
| " 25, | Albert E. Browne | Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Annie M. Browne | " | |
| " 25, | Harry S. Bates | Cohasset | Married in Scituate by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| | Lizzie E. Litchfield | Scituate | |
| 1879. Mar. 2, | Herbert L. Brown | Cohasset | Married in So. Abington by Rev. Frank P. Tompkins. |
| | Flora E. Wood | " | |

The above list contains the names of twenty-seven couples who were married during the year 1880, and one couple married in 1879, all registered in this town, the latter too late for publication in the last year book.

## BIRTHS—1880.

| Date. | | Names. | Parents Name. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 22 | Annie Enos Frates | Joseph E. and Mary S. | Border street. |
| " | 25 | Anselm Lothrop Beal | Zaccheus L. and Marcia P. | Hull " |
| " | 31 | Ruth Gray Mealy | George W. and Charlotte O. | Troy, N. Y. |
| Feb. | 4 | Franklin Caleb Prouty | Franklin H. and Flora F. | Scituate. |
| " | 7 | Warren Beal Bates | Lorenzo W. and Lottie C. | So. Main St. |
| " | 15 | Mabel Beatrice Brazil | Manuel and Julia | Atlantic Ave. |
| " | 18 | Mabel James | Samuel G. and Elizabeth A. | King street. |
| Mar. | 15 | George Henry Munnies | George H. and Mary A. | Beechwood St. |
| " | 25 | Arthur Raymond Beal | Arthur E. and Sarah P. | No. Main " |
| " | 30 | Mabel Studley | William W. and Sarah E. | Pleasant " |
| April | 1 | Samuel Herbert Nichols | Martin and Emily F. | Winter " |
| " | 8 | Ernest Elwell Lothrop | Quincy A. and Addie F. | Summer " |
| " | 14 | Ella Howard Tilden | Herbert A. and Lura M. | So. Main " |
| " | 15 | *——— Bates | John W. and Mary J. | Beechwood " |
| " | 29 | Cecily St. John | Joseph and Catharine | So. Main " |
| May | 4 | Ella Louise Stewart | Edwin G. and Bertha L. | Beechwood " |
| " | 4 | Mary Elizabeth O'Brien | James and Mary | Pleasant " |
| " | 7 | *——— Litchfield | Joseph W. and Mary J. | Beechwood " |
| " | 10 | Rodolph Augustus Thayer | Samuel N. and Maggie L. | No. Main " |
| " | 11 | Annie Leslie Mulhern | Matthew and Leslie | Bow " |
| " | 19 | Bessie Ethelyn Priest | Charles J. and Harriet E. | Jerusalem road. |
| June | 2 | Asa P. Potter | Asa P. and Delle S. | " " |
| " | 15 | Bela Otis Pratt | John L. and Paulina S. | So. Main street. |
| " | 22 | Joseph A. Litchfield | Hiram C. and Ruth E. | Beechwood " |
| " | 23 | *Frederick L. Williston, *James B. Williston, } Twins | Charles H. and Mary J. | King " |
| " | 25 | John Richard Roche | Thomas and Annie | No. Main " |
| July | 30 | Lizzie May Safford | Albert G. and Clara M. | Plymouth |
| Aug. | 2 | ——— Damon | Horace J. and Mary F. | Beechwood " |
| " | 19 | Zoa Anna Pratt | Horatio G. and Elizabeth A. | " " |
| " | 24 | Sadie Alice Crockett | Charles A. and Frances L. | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 29 | *James Francis Donovan | John and Mary J. | Pleasant St. |
| Sept. | 1 | Charles Linsey Davis | Edward N. and Hattie L. | So. Duxbury. |
| " | 13 | Mary Lillian Enos | Manuel S. and Alice | Elm St. |
| " | 18 | Nettie Elizabeth Beal | Isaac W. and Eliza L. | Hull " |
| " | 20 | *Lottie May Agevado | Manuel and Depolina | Margin St. |
| " | 21 | Ethel Marion Brown | Herbert L. and Flora E. | Beechwood St. |
| " | 28 | John Olmsted Bryant | John and Charlotte | Snow Place. |
| Oct. | 20 | Maud Stanley Brooks | Charles S. and Minnie G. | Beechwood St. |
| " | 20 | *John Holland | James W. and Bridget | So. Main " |
| Nov. | 1 | Augustine Powers | Edward and Mary | No. Main " |
| " | 6 | Martha Almira Lincoln | Thomas and Mary L. | Beechwood " |
| " | 16 | Ignatia Frances Smith | John and Lucy F. | Elm " |
| " | 16 | Alice Mehitable Browne | Frank W. and Sarah W. | So. Main " |
| " | 25 | James Russell Lincoln | Wyman R. and Eliza | " " |
| " | 27 | Marie Julia Salvador | Antoine E. and Amelia J. | Margin " |
| " | 28 | Harvey Renshaw | David and Lydie F. | No. Main " |
| " | 29 | *George Lewis Nickerson | George K. and Clarissa C. | So. Main " |
| Dec. | 18 | Alice Lee Briggs | George H. and Ada A. | " " |
| " | 25 | *Antoine J. Sylvia | Antoine J. and Anna | Snow Place. |
| 1879. | | | | |
| April | 3 | Lucia Melvin Hayden | John G. and Emma L. | Border St. |
| July | 11 | Peter Cammett Kimball | George W. and Ellen A. | So. Main St. |
| " | 27 | George Edward Taylor | George and Harriet | Pond " |
| Aug. | 21 | Samuel Warren Stoddard | Samuel P. and Sarah E. | Elm " |

*Died during the year.

In the list of Births above, there are the names of forty-six children born in Cohasset during the year 1880, and four born during 1879 (omitted from the last report). It contains also the names of four children born elsewhere, during 1880, but who, with their parents, have since removed to this town.

Of the whole number, twenty-seven are males, and twenty-seven females.

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|---|---|
| American Parentage | 32 |
| Foreign Parentage | 12 |
| Am. Mother and For. Father | 3 |
| For. Mother and Am. Father | 7 |

## DEATHS—1880.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 6 | Zoa A. (Pratt) Bates | 22 | 6 | 26 | Phthisis Pulmonalis. | Beechwood St. |
| " | 26 | 1 Edward Kinsley | 70 | | | Capillary Bronchitis. | " " |
| " | 27 | Thomas Smith | 82 | 9 | | Pneumonia | Summer " |
| Feb. | 9 | Zoa (Whitcomb) Pratt | 98 | 11 | 18 | Apoplexy | Beechwood " |
| " | 26 | 1 Abagail S. (Whittier) Humphrey | 68 | 8 | | Pneumonia | Hull " |
| Mar. | 7 | 2 Willie Desmond | 3 | 5 | 5 | Membrane Croup | Border " |
| " | 20 | Eliza H. (Lincoln) Beal | 69 | | | Ulceration of Bowels. | Hull " |
| April | 2 | John Keighton Rita | 32 | | | Phthisis Pulmonalis. | Beechwood " |
| " | 16 | ——— Bates | | | 1 | Premature Birth | " " |
| " | 22 | 3 Annie T. Mulvey | 23 | 1 | 11 | Phthisis Pulmonalis. | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 29 | Clarissa V. Orcutt | 80 | 2 | | Heart Disease | No. Main St. |
| May | 1 | Mabel E. Ellms | 1 | 3 | 1 | Diarrhea | So. Main " |
| " | 8 | ——— Litchfield | | | 1 | Premature Birth | Beechwood St. |
| " | 8 | ——— Williams | | | | Stillborn | King " |
| " | 31 | Hannah (Beal) Lincoln | 69 | 1 | 16 | Congestion of Lungs. | Jerusalem road. |
| June | 29 | 1 Betsy B. (Bates) Lincoln | 77 | 10 | 6 | Old Age | " " |
| Aug. | 21 | Eliot C. Taylor | 12 | 7 | | Paralysis of Brain | Church St. |
| " | 23 | 3 Lucy A. Frye | 22 | 11 | 1 | Gastritis | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 26 | 4 Annie L. (Noyes) Balch | 80 | | | Diarrhea | Atlantic Avenue. |
| " | 31 | Bessie Eldora Bates | | 8 | 11 | Teething | Beechwood St. |
| Sept | 13 | Susanna S. (Lincoln) Snow | 58 | | 22 | Typhoid Fever | So. Main St. |
| " | 13 | James B. Williston | | 2 | 21 | Marasmus | King St. |
| " | 15 | Susan J. (Henderson) Bates | 43 | 7 | 9 | Paralysis | So. Main St. |
| " | 23 | Frederick L. Williston | | 3 | | Marasmus | King St. |
| " | 27 | Louisa (Studley) Jones | 58 | 10 | | Scirrhus Cancer | No. Main St. |
| " | 27 | 3 Julia (Sullivan) Sheahan | 73 | | | Apoplexy | Pleasant " |
| " | 27 | Charles W. Compton | 52 | 3 | | Pneumonia | Elm " |
| " | 27 | 5 Clara (Hoadley) Huntoon | 86 | 9 | | Old Age | No. Main " |
| " | 30 | 4 Elizabeth (Collier) Williams | 58 | 7 | 23 | Pneumonia | Beach " |
| Oct. | 12 | 2 Lottie May Agevado | | | 23 | Cholera Infantum | Margin " |
| " | 18 | John Holland | | | 1 | Malfo'mat'n of Heart | So. Main " |
| " | 21 | Adeline (Bates) Jenkins | 59 | 4 | | Cancer Uteri | Border " |
| " | 23 | 6 Charles Kent | 84 | 4 | 15 | Epilepsy | Summer " |
| Nov. | 7 | 2 Marianna Burstiana | 85 | 6 | | Gastritis | Margin " |
| " | 7 | Infant found in Straits Pond | | | | Strangled | |
| " | 23 | 3 James F. Donovan | | 3 | | Debility | Pleasant " |
| " | 26 | William L. Smith | 38 | 2 | 15 | Tuberculosis Cerebr'l | Summer " |
| Dec. | 1 | George L. Nickerson | | | 2 | Debility | So. Main " |
| " | 7 | Albert G. Safford | 28 | 10 | | Hypertrophy of Heart | No. Main " |
| " | 20 | 2 Antoine P. Joseph | 58 | | | Chronic Dyspepsia | Border " |
| " | 25 | 3 Mary C. Mulvey | 25 | 7 | | Phthisis Pulmonalis. | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 26 | 2 Antoine J. Sylvia | | | 1 | Debility | Snow Place. |

1. Buried at Hingham.
2. " " Scituate.
3. " " Quincy.
4. " " Forest Hill.
5. Buried at Moretown, Vt.
6. " " Portland, Me.

There were forty-two deaths in this town during the year 1880, as per list above; nineteen males and twenty-three females. Average age 38 years 8 months 25 days.

Nine bodies were brought to this town for interment during the same time. A list of the same is herewith appended.

## DEATHS—1880.

| Date of Death. | | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 28 | Joseph Lincoln | 60 | 1 | 13 | Boston. |
| February | 10 | Elizabeth N. (Lothrop) Cutting | 65 | 3 | 5 | Harrison Square. |
| April | 21 | Ellen E. Totman | 32 | 9 | | Quincy. |
| May | 14 | Louisa L. Tower | 78 | 8 | | Boston. |
| June | 9 | Mary J. Damon | 20 | 3 | 10 | Scituate. |
| July | 22 | Anselm Lothrop | 74 | 10 | 6 | Boston. |
| October | 16 | Everett L. Fuller | | 3 | 16 | " |
| " | 26 | William Taylor | 32 | | | Taunton. |
| November | 16 | ——— Sankey | | | 0 | Boston. |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOLS

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET.

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GENTLEMEN:

At the close of a school year in which there have been no important changes in the schools, or in the system of school management, and instruction which the teachers, committee and superintendent have for years been trying to perfect, there is nothing of especial importance to report. To say that all the schools have been in a good state of discipline, and have been diligently, faithfully and successfully taught, would be stating no more than what they deserve, while it might seem but a monotonous iteration of former reports. The newer methods of teaching which have been used with most success in other schools have been introduced. The teachers have been encouraged to visit other schools; also the Bridgewater State Normal School, and to learn whatever they could from those schools and make practical application of it in their own teaching.

As reading and writing are the foundation of school learning and of all literary culture, those branches have received increased attention, especially in the primary and grammar schools. In the primary schools many children have learned to write a very good and legible hand, showing a capability for acquiring this art which, a few years ago, would have been considered an impossibility for children at so early an age. Great attention has been given to reading, especially in teaching children to read with intelligence and expression.

There have been changes of teachers in three of the schools. In the North Grammar School, Miss Martha A. Bates was obliged to relinquish her position, on account of ill health, and will take a vacation till the beginning of next fall term, when, if her health is restored, the understanding is that she shall again take charge of the school.

At the beginning of the winter term Miss Ruth E. Pettee was em-

ployed to teach the school till the summer vacation. Miss Pettee had had no previous experience as a teacher, but she seems to be succeeding well in governing and teaching the school.

The South Grammar School was taught by Miss Mary F. Osgood during the summer term, when at its close she resigned her position.

At the beginning of the fall term, Miss Mary E. Nichols, who had had the advantage of training in the Quincy schools, and had taught acceptably in the King Street School, took charge of the school and has since continued in charge of it. Miss Nichols has introduced with success some of the newer methods of teaching in the school, and while she has secured a good state of discipline, she has succeeded in gaining the affections of her pupils, and in interesting them in their studies.

The King Street School which had been for some time under the care of Miss Roberta Nichols who had brought it into an excellent state, on her resignation in the middle of the spring term, was placed during the remainder of the term under the care of Miss Mary E. Nichols. At the beginning of the fall term Miss Martha P. Bates was appointed teacher of the school, and has approved herself as an earnest and efficient teacher. Seldom has a school been under the care of three different teachers in one year with so little detriment to the school.

In the other schools the teachers, who have all had charge of them for longer or shorter periods of years, have continued their work without change: viz. Miss Annie Fox in the Jerusalem School, Miss Susie L. Stoddard in the North Primary, Miss Annie A. Souther in the Centre Grammar, Miss Lizzie C. Bates in the Centre Primary, Miss Myra L. Beal in the South Primary, Miss Lottie Whittington in the Harbor School, Mr L. Webster Bates in the Beechwood Grammar, and Miss Georgiana Bates in the Beechwood Primary.

In all these schools good work has been accomplished. A very satisfactory state of discipline has been maintained. The teachers have labored diligently and faithfully, with satisfactory results, and all children under their care who have been regular in their attendance, not mentally deficient, or obstinately indolent, have made good progress in learning.

The High School has been continued under the charge of Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop and Mr. E. Pomroy Collier, in successful operation, and both with regard to order and discipline, and to the instruction given has been very satisfactory. The adoption of a regular course of study in the school which all who graduate are expecting to pass

through, has greatly systematized the work of instruction, and made it much more useful. An excellent spirit has prevailed in the school, and the school was never better appreciated, or more worthy of the confidence of the town than the past year.

The greatest obstacle in the way of the efficiency of the High School is the want of a more thorough preparation of many of the pupils who enter it from the lower schools. It is difficult to remedy this, owing to the multiplication of the classes in the lower schools, and the great amount of work which the teachers in those schools have consequently to do. Still, something may be accomplished by keeping the pupils from advancing in those schools into higher classes before they are properly prepared, and by making the elementary teaching and training more thorough, intelligent and comprehensive.

The following are the names of those who, at the close of the last school year were graduated from the High School, and received diplomas.

| | |
|---|---|
| Myra Wilcutt Bates, | Edward Nichols, |
| Francis Leavett Beal, | Louise Lovett Osgood, |
| Charles Hobart Cousens, | Isabella Pratt, |
| Lizzie Anna Dyer, | Lizzie Clare Small, |
| Grace Elliott Keen, | Christine Petrea Trommer, |
| Grace Hall Merriam, | Benjamin Roland Turner. |

The following is a statement of the numbers of scholars attending the different schools during the year.

| | Spring Term. | Fall Term. | Winter Term. |
|---|---|---|---|
| High School, | 73 | 75 | 80 |
| Jerusalem School, | 15 | 19 | 23 |
| North Grammar School, | 23 | 21 | 20 |
| North Primary School, | 27 | 26 | 18 |
| Centre Grammar School, | 41 | 39 | 42 |
| Centre Primary School, | 42 | 38 | 41 |
| South Grammar School, | 33 | 32 | 32 |
| South Primary School, | 33 | 26 | 25 |
| Harbor School, | 45 | 37 | 37 |
| King Street School, | 13 | 12 | 14 |
| Beechwood Grammar School, | 30 | 26 | 25 |
| Beechwood Primary School, | 30 | 33 | 24 |
| | 405 | 384 | 381 |

These statistics, compared with those of the preceding year, show

that the attendance of our schools was less, for the spring term by twelve, for the fall term by forty-three, and for the winter term, by forty-five. This may be accounted for in part by removals, and in part by the fact, that owing to the increased opportunities for obtaining employment many of the older boys left school for business or labor.

The most frequent and the most serious charge brought against our common schools is, that they do not fit children for the practical duties and business of life. But this is precisely what we are trying to make our schools accomplish. Especial pains are taken in the primary and grammar schools to teach children to read fluently and understandingly, to speak common words correctly, to write an easy, legible hand, and to understand and be able to perform readily and correctly all arithmetical operations required in common business transactions. The children in these schools are also instructed in the use of language, are taught how to put their thoughts into words, to construct sentences, and to write and address letters properly. It may be confidently asserted that every child not naturally deficient in intellect, or mental application, and who is regular in attendance, receives in these schools the rudiments of a good education which may be indefinitely enlarged in after years by reading and study.

In the High School the training is of course more thorough, higher branches of education are taught, and the pupils are fitted for the more efficient performance of the different forms of business or service, which practical life demands. Of the graduates of the school of the last two years, four young ladies have become teachers, three have entered with credit the Bridgewater State Normal School and are there fitting themselves more thoronghly for the profession of teaching, and one is pursuing a four years' course of study in an academy of high order. At the same time many of the young men have secured positions in stores, or have engaged in industrial avocations, where the high school training will be of lasting benefit to them.

There has been less complaint of truancy the last year than some former years: yet there have been some children whose education and morals have suffered seriously on account of their truancy; and who have exerted a bad influence on other children. Of the three truant officers appointed last spring, only one has sent in a report of his doings. Mr. Morgan has exerted himself with his usual interest and efficiency, and has very much mitigated the evils of truancy in the schools to

which he has given his attention. This evil cannot be adequately met till an institution for the confinement and education of truants is established, to which we can send our truants.

A proposition has been made, that four counties, viz: Norfolk, Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable unite in establishing and maintaining in common a truant school. This proposition has met with favor with the school committees and officers in these counties to whom it has been presented. I would recommend that the town pass a resolve, petitioning the county commissioners of Norfolk County to unite with the county commissioners of Plymouth, Bristol, and Barnstable counties in establishing a truant school for the common use of the said four counties, in such a place, and on such conditions as the said commissioners or a majority of them may agree.

The Public Library belongs to our educational system, and was established to aid teachers and pupils in our schools in their education, and to afford means of improvement in knowledge and culture to all who may have passed beyond the school age. The cordiality with which it has been received, the general interest in reading which it has awakened, and the liberal contributions which have been made to it are highly gratifying. While books of fiction have been most eagerly sought for and read by old and young, such works have, for the most part been circulated as tend to improve the mind, quicken the thought, and refine the taste of those who read them. But besides, the library has been supplied with books of the highest character of history, science, biography, standard literature, agriculture, horticulture, religion and morals, to which many of our school children as well as of their elders seek for instruction. I cannot but feel that the worth of the Library will be more and more appreciated from year to year, and that its beneficial effect on the education, the intellectual activity and the refinement of the people of the town will become more and more manifest.

The Report of the Librarian will give a detailed account of the Library, and show how largely it has been used.

The enlargement of the Library rooms, cost $411,33, viz: the $300, appropriated by the town, and $111,33 from other resources.

With regard to the expense of the schools the past year a word may be said. The amount of money raised for the support of the schools was sufficient to within a little over thirty dollars to meet the expenses of the year; but there was a deficiency from the previous year of $147.

To meet this expense and the slight deficiency of the last year, $200 additional should be raised this year. Then the other expenses for repairs, etc., considerably exceeded the appropriation, for which there should be provision made by an increased appropriation of two hundred dollars this year. This increased expenditure was occasioned by the necessity of purchasing a new stove for the High School, and of making some new provisions for that school which a regard to health and comfort demanded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
Supt. of Schools.

Mr. LEVI N. BATES,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Esq.,
Rev. GRANVILLE YAGER. } *School Committee.*

The foregoing Report of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and adopted by the School Committee.

LEVI N. BATES,
GRANVILLE YAGER,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP. } *School Committee.*

Cohasset, Feb. 16, 1881.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH

# Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF COHASSET

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COHASSET MASS.

**For the Year Ending February 1, 1882.**

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,**

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

ALSO, THE

**Doings at the Several Town Meetings,**

Report of the Votes cast at the State Election in November, 1881,

AND

**Report of Trustees of Public Library.**

BOSTON:
C. M. A. TWITCHELL, PRINTER, 65 CORNHILL.
1882.

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# DOINGS OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET

*At their several meetings held during the year 1881,*

FROM THE TOWN RECORD.

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ANNUAL MEETING, HELD MARCH 7, 1881.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Accepted the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer of the School Committee, and the Trustees of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 3. Town Officers elected as follows: —

*Town Clerk.*

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

*Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, Jr.

*Surveyors of Highways.*

OLIVER H. BATES, for Beechwood District.
AMOS E. TILDEN, for South Centre District.
THOMAS BATES, for North Centre District.
JAMES PETTEE, for Jerusalem District.

*School Committee for three years.*

LEVI N. BATES.

*Constables.*

John E. Groce, Frank Stoddard, Joseph St. John, Edward E. Wentworth, Frank J. Damon, John Roche, Jr., Alfred Beal.

*Fence Viewers.*

J. Foster Doane, Morgan B. Stetson, Richard Wells.

*Trustees of Public Library for three years.*

Rev. Granville Yager, L. Webster Bates, Miss Sarah S. Pratt.

*Field Drivers.*

Joseph St. John, Thomas Williams, William W. Apts.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

William A. W. Tilden, Wallace Willcutt.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Edward E. Ellms, Walter S. Beal, Morgan B. Stetson.

*Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

James Creed.

*Pound Keeper.*

James W. Nichols.

Article 4. Voted, that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) be raised by taxation. Voted, that the following appropriations be made, viz: —

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, . . . . . | $2,000 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . . | 1,500 |
| Discount on Taxes, . . . . . | 1,000 |
| Support of Poor, . . . . . | 4,500 |
| Support of Schools, . . . . . | 5,500 |
| Repairs of School-houses and Salaries of Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Committee, . . . . | 600 |
| Deficiency of School Accounts, . . | 400 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - - | $15,500 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - - | $15,500 |
| For Removing Snow, . . . . . | 300 |
| Roads and Bridges, . . . . . | 400 |
| Repairs of Highways, . . . . . | 2,000 |
| Town Officers, . . . . . | 800 |
| Printing, . . . . . | 200 |
| Fire Department, . . . . . | 200 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 600 |
| Total amount appropriated under Fourth Article, . . . . . | $20,000 |

Voted, that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes, and to pay State and military aid.

Article 5. In relation to the collection of taxes: — Voted as follows — Single poll taxes and school books shall be considered due and payable on presentation of bill. On all taxes, except school books, voluntarily paid into the treasury on or before the first day of September, there shall be allowed a discount of five per cent.; and on or before the tenth day of November, a discount of two per cent.; and all remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January, 1882, shall be considered delinquent, and collected in the manner prescribed by law.

Article 6. Voted, that the Selectmen's Report on Guide Posts be accepted.

Article 7. Voted, to amend the Juror list, as prepared and posted by the Selectmen. The list, after amendment, is as follows: —

| | |
|---|---|
| Thomas A. Bates, | George O. Higgins, |
| Loring Bates, | Galen James, |
| Philander Bates, | George W. Kimball, |
| Allen C. Bates, | Charles L. Kittrell, |
| Edwin Bates, | Richard W. Lothrop, |
| William H. Beal, | Waldo C. Locke, |
| Walter S. Beal, | Louis N. Lincoln, |

| | |
|---|---|
| Zacheus L. Beal, | Caleb Lincoln, |
| James W. Bell, | Joseph B. Lincoln, |
| Thomas D. Blossom, | Aaron Pratt, |
| Charles G. Crockett, | Samuel E. Pratt, |
| Robert L. Curtis, | Robert B. Pratt, |
| John M. Damon, | George W. Pratt, |
| Edward E. Ellms, | Ziba C. Small, |
| William Eddy, | Morgan B. Stetson, |
| Stephen D. Farrar, | Andrew J. Souther, |
| Samuel L. Groce, | Abraham H. Tower, Jr., |

Lewis Willcutt.

Article 8. Voted, that the Selectmen cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 9. Voted, that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be raised and appropriated for improvements upon Jerusalem road.

Article 10. Voted, that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be raised and appropriated for the improvement of Straits Pond, and that a Committee of seven, consisting of the Selectmen, Lyman Hollingsworth, Henry Tolman, James W. Bell and Joseph B. Lincoln, are hereby authorized to expend the above amount in improving the condition of Straits Pond, in such a manner and for such purposes as they in their judgment deem for the best interest of all parties interested.

Article 11. Voted, that the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be raised and appropriated for improvements on Cedar Street.

Article 12. Voted, that the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) be appropriated for the improvement of North Main Street; and that two hundred dollars of the said amount be raised by taxation.

Article 13. Passed over.

Article 14. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be raised and appropriated for the Public Library.

Article 15. Passed over.

Article 16. Voted, that the Report of the Committee upon "Annexation," chosen at a December meeting, be accepted.

Article 17. Woman Suffrage. Voted, that this article be passed over.

Article 18. Passed over.

Article 19. Voted, that the matter of widening the road near the North School-house, be left with the Selectmen.

Article 20. Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to petition the County Commissioners of Norfolk County to unite with the Commissioners of Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable Counties, or any two of them, in establishing a Truant School for the use of said counties — in such a place, and on such conditions, as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them may agree.

Article 21. Voted, that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be appropriated, to remove a portion of the ledge near the South School-house; and that two hundred dollars of the said amount be raised by taxation.

Article 22. Voted, to appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75) to improve Spring Street.

Voted, that the customary vote of thanks of the meeting be presented to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held April 29, 1881, Edward E. Wentworth, Zacheus Rich, Samuel E. Pratt and Alden Beal were appointed Firewards for the ensuing year.

The list of enrolled Militia, May 1, 1881, as prepared by the Assessors and returned to the Town Clerk, contains three hundred and twenty-nine names, and has been placed on file.

## TOWN MEETING HELD OCTOBER 26, 1881.

Article 1. Chose J. Q. A. Lothrop, Moderator.

Article 2. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen, on the laying of the road over the stepping-stone dam, as petitioned for by Andrew C. Wheelwright and others, and named in their Report "Nichols Avenue," be accepted.

Voted, that the above road be built under the direction of the Selectmen, and that it be built by the day.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized, and he shall hire money, if necessary, from month to month to pay for the same.

Article 3. Voted, that the Selectmen are hereby authorized to vote upon the shares of the Straits Pond Corporation, owned by the town, to sell the property of said corporation for such price as the Selectmen shall deem best.

Voted, that the Selectmen are hereby authorized to purchase the property now owned by the Straits Pond Corporation, at a price not exceeding two thousand dollars ($2,000), and upon such purchase, to sell to the town of Hull the portion of said property lying in said town, for the same price as they shall pay for it.

Article 4. Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to take means to collect the claim against the town of Hingham, for the support of Susan Waters and daughter.

Article 5. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase additional hose for the fire engine, as is now necessary.

Article 6. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to look up the title of the land now taxed to Andrew E. Taylor, and ascertain whether it belongs to the town of Hingham or Cohasset.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

## ELECTION RECORD.

Nov. 8, 1881.

The Election Returns of the Town of Cohasset, for ballots cast November 8, 1881, were as follows: —

### For Governor.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| John D. Long, of Hingham, had | 88 |
| Charles P. Thompson, of Gloucester, had | 25 |
| Charles Almy, of New Bedford, had | 10 |

### For Lieutenant Governor.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| Byron Weston, of Dalton, had | 87 |
| James H. Carlton, of Haverhill, had | 25 |
| John Blackmer, of Springfield, had | 11 |

### For Secretary.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, had | 87 |
| Michael T. Donohoe, of Somerville, had | 25 |
| Solomon F. Root, of Douglass, had | 11 |

### For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| Daniel A. Gleason, of Medford, had | 87 |
| William A. Hodges, of Quincy, had | 25 |
| Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton, had | 11 |

### For Auditor.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, had | 87 |
| Charles R. Field, of Greenfield, had | 25 |
| Jonathan Buck, of Harwich, had | 11 |

### For Attorney General.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| George Marston, of New Bedford, had | 87 |
| Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, had | 25 |
| Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden, had | 11 |

### For Councillor — First District.

Whole number of votes 112.

| | |
|---|---|
| Matthew H. Cushing, of Middleborough, had | 87 |
| Isaiah T. Jones, of Sandwich, had | 25 |

### For County Commissioner.

Whole number of votes 112.

| | |
|---|---|
| George W. Wiggin, of Franklin, had | 87 |
| James Macintosh, of Needham, had | 25 |

### For Clerk of Courts.

Whole number of votes 112.

| | |
|---|---|
| Erastus Worthington, of Dedham, had | 112 |

### For Senator — 2d Plymouth District.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| James S. Allen, of East Bridgewater, had | 87 |
| Luther Stephenson, Jr., of Hingham, had | 25 |
| E. G. Perry, of Hanover, had | 11 |

### For Representative to General Court.

Whole number of votes 123.

| | |
|---|---|
| Alpheus Thomas, of South Scituate, had | 98 |
| Joseph T. Hart, of South Scituate, had | 25 |

### Amendment to the Constitution.

Whole number of votes 76.

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes, | 11 |
| No, | 65 |

The vote of the Second Plymouth Representative District, Nov. 8, 1881, for Representative, was as follows:

| | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alpheus Thomas, of So. Scituate, | 126 | 124 | 98 | 348 |
| Joseph T. Hart, of So. Scituate, | 16 | 30 | 25 | 71 |
| Henry A. Turner, of So. Scituate, | | 1 | | 1 |
| Roswell Curtis, of So. Scituate, | | 1 | | 1 |
| William Prouty, Jr., of So. Scituate, | | 2 | | 2 |

Alpheus Thomas, of South Scituate, having a plurality of votes in the district, was duly elected.

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|---|---|---|
| Number of dogs licensed in 1881, . . . . . | | 115 |
| Male, . . . . . | 108 | |
| Female, . . . . . | 7 | |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully submit their third annual report.

But three meetings of the trustees have been held during the year. At the annual meeting held in April for the election of officers, the old board of officers was reelected.

From the report of the Librarian we gather that the Library has been open every library day through the year, during which 13,155 books have been taken out. The largest delivery was on April 2, 1881, 254; the smallest on Sept. 7, 1881, 45. There are registered 717 borrowers. During the year there have been added to the Library 358 volumes; by purchase 163, by gift 195, making the whole number of volumes in the Library 2751.

The classification of reading during the past year is as follows: —

| | |
|---|---|
| History and Biography, | 668 |
| Geography and Travel, | 372 |
| Religion and Temperance, | 117 |
| Science, | 88 |
| Fiction and Juveniles, | 9835 |
| Literature and Poetry, | 171 |
| Agriculture and Horticulture, | 136 |
| Magazines, | 1768 |

The Library has received during the past year from Waldo Higginson, "The Memorial History of Boston," 4 vols.; from A. C. Wheelwright Esq., The Encyclopaedia Britannica, 21 vols.;

and volumes from Thos. Hughes, W. W. Clapp, John L. Pratt, Rev. Joseph Osgood, Mrs. Frederick Tower, Mrs. A. H. Tower, Miss Edith M. Bates, Miss Lottie Mott, Government and State.

The trustees find that in order to pay the salary of the Librarian, meet the current expenses of the Library, subscribe for magazines, and buy some new books, they will need $300. and therefore ask the Town to appropriate that sum.

For the Trustees,

E. P. COLLIER, *Secretary.*

The report of the Treasurer is herewith appended.

## Dr. Cohasset Free Public Library in Acct. with

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1881. | | |
| To | Cash paid for Books, | $162 03 |
| | Cash paid for Kerosene, | 1 62 |
| | Freight and Express, | 8 20 |
| | Covering papers, Slips, Cards, Binders, etc., | 24 90 |
| | Cleaning, | 4 85 |
| | Binding Books, | 50 85 |
| | Pratt and Barker's bill, Varnish and Labor, | 4 92 |
| | Horse and Buggy, (Mr. Collier), | 3 10 |
| 1882. | | |
| | Tilden, bill new Shelves, | 10 36 |
| | A. Williams & Co., Bill Magazines, | 35 51 |
| | Librarian's Salary, | 150 00 |
| | Balance due Library, | 2 82 |
| | | $459 16 |

## John W. Bates, Treasurer. Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1881. | | |
| | By Balance Acct., Crt. Jan. 31, 1881, . . . . | $178 27 |
| Feb. 7. | Additional from Fair, . . . . . | 60 |
| May 14. | Town Appropriation, . . . . . | 200 00 |
| Oct. 10. | Cash from Mr. John Howe, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Nov. 8. | " Mr. Levi Lincoln, . . . . . | 1 00 |
| 1882. | | |
| Jan. 1. | Interest on deposit, . . . . . | 6 42 |
| | Annual Subscribers to Magazines, etc., . . . . | 14 00 |
| | Two Out Town borrowers, . . . . . | 2 00 |
| | Fines to Jan. 31, 1882, . . . . . | 18 77 |
| | Sales Catalogues to Jan. 31, 1882, . . . . . | 6 40 |
| | Sales of Cards to Jan. 31, 1882, . . . . . | 6 70 |
| | | $459 16 |

JOHN W. BATES, TREASURER.

COHASSET, Jan. 31, 1882.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

## State Aid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . | $48 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, . . . . | 72 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Philip D. Minot, . . . . | 40 00 | |
| Harriet J. Apts, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . | 36 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, . . . . | 21 00 | |
| | | $361 00 |

Reimbursed by the State.

## Military Aid under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Munnies, . . . . | $96 00 | |
| George Arnold, . . . . | 54 00 | |
| Oliver Henderson, . . . . | 158 00 | |
| James Rooney, Jr., . . . . | 72 00 | |
| Peter E. Ainslie, . . . . | 72 00 | |
| John C. Orcutt, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Charles H. Williston, . . . . | 78 00 | |
| John G. Hayden, . . . . | 78 00 | |
| Andrew J. Studley, . . . . | 62 00 | |
| | | $718 00 |
| Total amount of State and Military Aid, . . | | 1079 00 |
| Amount reimbursed by the State, . . . | | 714 00 |

PUBLIC LIBRARY COHASSET MASS.

## Repairs on Highways.

OLIVER H. BATES, Surveyor.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Oliver H. Bates, labor and team, | | | $58 86 | |
| Cyrus W. Bates, | " | " | 29 75 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, | " | " | 16 00 | |
| Joseph W. Litchfield, | " | " | 6 00 | |
| Thomas C. Whitcomb, | " | " | 10 50 | |
| William T. Whitcomb, | " | " | 6 42 | |
| Francisco Frates, | " | " | 4 50 | |
| Isaac S. Pratt, | " | " | 4 50 | |
| Aaron Pratt, | " | " | 6 00 | |
| George W. Pratt, | " | " | 7 50 | |
| Horace J. Damon, | " | " | 7 00 | |
| John W. Bates, 2d, | " | " | 11 75 | |
| Edwin Bates, | " | " | 15 33 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, | " | " | 4 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, | " | " | 24 35 | |
| Lot Bates, | " | " | 16 00 | |
| Levi Lincoln, | " | " | 8 00 | |
| Thomas Lincoln, | " | " | 8 00 | |
| John L. McGough, | " | " | 7 75 | |
| Cummins Lincoln, | " | " | 6 00 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, | " | " | 12 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, | " | " | 8 00 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, | " | " | 12 00 | |
| William O. Souther, | " | " | 4 50 | |
| Timothy L. Burbank, | " | " | 3 00 | |
| Francisco Frates, Jr., labor, | | | 3 00 | |
| Joseph Whitcomb, | " | | 3 75 | |
| Hiram Litchfield, | " | | 1 50 | |
| George Pratt, | " | | 3 00 | |
| Franklin Stoddard, | " | | 13 63 | |
| Thomas Williams, | " | | 15 75 | |
| Robert L. Curtis, | " | | 3 58 | |
| Arthur C. Litchfield, | " | | 3 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* | | | | $344 92 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $344 92 | | |
| Paid Edwin W. Bates, " . . | 6 00 | | |
| Henry Morris, " . . | 6 75 | | |
| Orlando Curtis, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| Lewis L. Wheelwright, Jr., labor, | 6 58 | | |
| Lawrence McGough, labor, . . | 3 75 | | |
| Joseph Silva, " . . | 4 50 | | |
| Arthur S. Bates, " . . | 9 25 | | |
| William Reed, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| George F. Munnies, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| Alfred Haskell, " . . | 3 25 | | |
| Galen James, " . . | 1 50 | | |
| Samuel Williams, " . . | 4 00 | | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, gravel, . . | 5 00 | | |
| | | $400 | 00 |

AMOS E. TILDEN, Surveyor.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and team, . | $92 00 | | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 18 00 | | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " " . | 15 00 | | |
| A. H. Tower, " " . | 15 00 | | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " . | 14 50 | | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 53 37 | | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . | 57 27 | | |
| Frank W. Thomas, " . . | 8 00 | | |
| Arthur Higgins, " . . | 2 25 | | |
| William J. Brennock, " . . | 22 87 | | |
| Antone L. Joseph, " . . | 10 50 | | |
| Manuel Antone, " . . | 7 50 | | |
| George Stetson, " . . | 1 87 | | |
| William Enos, " . . | 27 75 | | |
| John G. Hayden, " . . | 6 75 | | |
| George M. Ennice, " . . | 20 75 | | |
| Manuel Silva, " . . | 9 75 | | |
| Joseph E. Frates, labor and gravel, | 7 12 | | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 26 00 | | |
| William St. John, " . . | 31 50 | | |
| A. H. Tower, " . . | 2 25 | | |
| | | $450 | 00 |

THOMAS BATES, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates, labor and team, . | $75 25 | |
| John Bates, 2d, " " . | 72 75 | |
| Galen James, " " . | 38 50 | |
| Abner Bates, labor, . . . | 3 00 | |
| William H. Bates, labor, . . | 24 00 | |
| Joseph Fish, " . . | 5 25 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . | 17 00 | |
| Charles H. Williston, " . . | 36 00 | |
| Arthur Studley, " . . | 6 00 | |
| John Barnes, " . . | 11 25 | |
| Jesse T. Barnes, " . . | 11 25 | |
| Charles Smith, " . . | 1 00 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . | 25 25 | |
| Richard Wells, labor and team, . | 24 25 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor, . . | 9 75 | |
| Alonzo L. Palmer, " . . | 2 25 | |
| Eugene Sweeney, " . . | 7 50 | |
| Thomas Bates, gravel, . . | 22 00 | |
| Marcia B. Tower, " . . | 23 24 | |
| Charles A. Gross & Co., rendrock, | 3 28 | |
| Thomas Roche, sharpening, . . | 3 65 | |
| Thomas Bates, 2 small hammers, . | 2 50 | |
| | | $424 92 |

JAMES PETTEE, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and teams, . | $60 08 | |
| Richard H. Priest, " " . | 52 50 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . | 62 25 | |
| William Mulvey, " " . | 59 25 | |
| Richard Wells, " " . | 7 50 | |
| Charles Henry, " " . | 4 50 | |
| Patrick Downs, " " . | 7 50 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, labor, . . | 35 25 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | | $288 83 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $288 83 | |
| Paid Winthrop Knight, " . . | 25 50 | |
| Charles L. Kittrell, " . . | 20 62 | |
| David P. Beal, " . . | 22 50 | |
| Mathew Mulhern, " . . | 35 50 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . | 21 75 | |
| Daniel Reidy, " . . | 7 50 | |
| Isaac W. Beal, " . . | 10 50 | |
| William Copeland, " . . | 13 50 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, gravel, . . | 6 00 | |
| Augustus Lothrop, " . . | 22 80 | |
| | | $475 00 |

## Selectmen, Surveyors.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John H. Morgan, labor, . . | $2 77 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 1 38 | |
| Cyrus Wood, labor, . . . | 1 00 | |
| G. Anderson, " . . . | 75 | |
| William N. Damon, labor, . . | 1 50 | |
| Isaac S. Pratt, " . . | 25 | |
| Alfred Haskell, " . . | 75 | |
| George Munnies, " . . | 75 | |
| Richard Wells and others, labor and gravel, . . . . . | 46 25 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, | 40 50 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 7 00 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . | 7 98 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, labor and team, | 12 00 | |
| William Compton, labor, . . | 4 00 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, labor and team, . | 13 75 | |
| George M. Ennice, labor, . . | 10 50 | |
| Frank Pearson, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Manuel Silva, " . . | 11 25 | |
| Antone L. Joseph, " . . | 4 50 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 10 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | | $180 38 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $180 38 | |
| Paid Benjamin Ellms, " . . | 2 34 | |
| Oliver H. Bates, labor and team, . | 5 25 | |
| Timothy L. Burbank, " " . | 6 00 | |
| Samuel G. James, " " . | 6 00 | |
| Charles B. Wood, " " . | 6 00 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, " " . | 4 00 | |
| Thomas Williams, labor, . . | 6 00 | |
| Manuel Avelos, " . . | 2 25 | |
| Robert L. Curtis, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Henry Morris, " . . | 1 50 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, labor and gravel, | 27 36 | |
| | | $250 08 |
| Amount expended, . . . . . | | 2000 00 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 2000 00 |

## Roads and Bridges.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Patrick Downs, teaming, 1880, . | $4 50 | |
| William Eddy, railing, . . . | 103 00 | |
| Joseph Battles, Margin and Border streets, . . . . , . | 9 00 | |
| John W. Brennock, Border street, | 6 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden and others, Margin and Border streets, . . | 7 75 | |
| Richard Wells, labor and gravel, . | 7 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . | 5 60 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, gravel, . . | 2 14 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, etc., . | 54 51 | |
| | | $200 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |

## Special Repairs on Streets.

### Jerusalem Road.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and team, . | $165 32 | |
| Thomas Bates, labor, team and gravel, . . . . . | 60 90 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - . - | | $226 22 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $226 22 | |
| Paid Alden Beal, labor and team, . | 11 75 | |
| Richard H. Priest, labor and team, | 15 00 | |
| William Mulvey, " " . | 7 50 | |
| McCuin and Davis, " " . | 5 50 | |
| William Copeland, labor, . . | 74 37 | |
| Samuel N. Thayer, " . . | 16 50 | |
| Jesse T. Barnes, " . . | 16 50 | |
| Michael McDormott, " . . | 74 37 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . | 64 37 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . | 3 75 | |
| Isaac Phinney, " . . | 92 87 | |
| Mathew Mulhern, " . . | 74 37 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . | 18 37 | |
| Eben James, " . . | 4 50 | |
| John Roche, " . . | 8 25 | |
| John Dolan, " . . | 37 00 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . | 32 25 | |
| Ephraim Lincoln, " . . | 5 25 | |
| John Roach, Jr., cedar posts, . | 13 00 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, . . | 68 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, drills, hammers, etc., . . . . . | 24 75 | |
| Thomas Roche, smithing, . . | 28 75 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, gravel, . . | 5 12 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, grating, . . | 2 60 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., drain pipe, . | 15 75 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 9 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $986 16 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 1000 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | $13 84 |

### Cedar Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and team, . | $27 20 | |
| Richard Wells, " " . | 6 50 | |
| John Dolan, labor, . . . | 27 00 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . . | 28 50 | |
| Isaac Phinney, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, . . | 5 00 | |
| Thomas Roche, smithing, . . | 2 80 | |
| | | $100 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 100 00 |

### South Main Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John L. McGough, contract, . | $380 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., cement &c., . | 16 31 | |
| | | $396 31 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 300 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | 96 31 |

### North Main Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. F. B. Tilden, contract, . . | $200 00 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, " . . | 38 00 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, labor and team, . | 16 50 | |
| Thomas Bates, . " " . | 38 00 | |
| Azel W. Drake, " . . | 12 00 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . | 11 25 | |
| | | $315 75 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 400 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 84 25 |

### Beechwood Street Bridge.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John L. McGough, contract, . | $245 00 | |
| Tower, Bro., & Co., lumber, . . | 50 67 | |
| Aaron Pratt, clearing old road, etc., | 20 75 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 2 73 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, - - - | | $319 15 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $319 15 | |
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 8 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 6 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 6 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 6 00 | |
| | | $345 65 |

No appropriation. The bridge fell in on the southerly side, and the whole bridge had to be rebuilt.

SPRING STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and team, . | $22 50 | |
| Michael Sweeney, " . . | 13 50 | |
| William J. Brennock, labor, . . | 12 75 | |
| George W. Cousens, " . . | 9 75 | |
| George M. Ennice, " . . | 2 25 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel, . . | 13 50 | |
| | | $74 25 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 75 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 75 |

## New Road.

NICHOLS AVENUE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Daniel N. Tower, Surveying and plan, | $7 00 | |
| Samuel Nichols, labor, men and teams, | 418 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, labor and teams, | 101 25 | |
| William Mulvey, " " | 81 75 | |
| John Bates 2d, " " | 102 75 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " " | 50 25 | |
| John Dolan, labor, . . . | 70 12 | |
| John Roach, " . . . | 67 49 | |
| James Dalton, " . . . | 68 62 | |
| Peter Ahern, " . . . | 63 37 | |
| Matthew Mulhern, labor, . . | 64 87 | |
| Joseph F. Silva, " . . | 60 37 | |
| George Taylor, " . . | 68 62 | |
| *Amovnt carried forward,* - - - | | $1.224 46 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | | $1.224 46 | |
| Paid Jonn Smith, | " . . | 28 11 | |
| Frank Silva, | " . . | 28 11 | |
| Frank Antone, | " . . | 12 00 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, | " . . | 28 11 | |
| Antone J. Silva, | " . . | 48 37 | |
| Edward W. Merritt, | " . . | 26 37 | |
| Joseph Frates, | " . . | 46 87 | |
| Thomas Gracia, | " . . | 61 12 | |
| Manuel Gracia, | " . . | 60 12 | |
| John N. Cook, | " . . | 58 12 | |
| Charles Henry, | " . . | 25 11 | |
| Joseph Jacinto Jr., | " . . | 45 37 | |
| William Enos, | " . . | 23 61 | |
| Manuel Oleveria, | " . . | 24 36 | |
| Michael Maddox, | " . . | 7 50 | |
| Thomas Reidy, | " . . | 43 87 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, 3d, | " . . | 51 37 | |
| Manuel E. Brazill, | " . . | 68 62 | |
| Galen James, | " . . | 37 12 | |
| Gross and Nichols, rendrock &c, | . | 119 75 | |
| Thomas Roche, smithing, | . . | 69 65 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, | " . . | 39 09 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber &c, | . | 88 38 | |
| Samuel Bates, tools, | . . . | 6 50 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, | . . | 2 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, | . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, | " . . | 6 75 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, | " . . | 6 75 | |
| | | | $2293 06 |

No appropriation.

This road is not completed. It is estimated that when completed it will cost about $2500 00. When completed Andrew C. Wheelwright will pay $300.00, John H. Worthington, $100.00, Heirs of Abraham H. Tower, deceased, $100.00, leaving $2000.00 as the cost of said road paid by the town, to be provided for at its next Annual March Meeting.

## Watering Jerusalem Road.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid McCuin & Davis, teams, . . | $648 00 | |
| Ames Plow Co., repairs, . . | 20 36 | |
| Charles L. Kettrell, labor, . . | 1 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 10 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $694 36 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $200 00 |
| " received by subscription, . . . | | 540 00 |
| Total,. . . . . | | $740 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | $45 64 |

## Removing Snow.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel E. Pratt and others, . | $26 97 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden " . . | 172 00 | |
| Oliver H. Bates " . . | 124 25 | |
| Amos E. Tilden " . . | 176 50 | |
| James Pettee " . . | 60 94 | |
| Moses Sargent " . . | 42 50 | |
| Alden Beal " . . | 21 00 | |
| William O. Souther " . . | 13 00 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., . . . | 1 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs, . . | 4 75 | |
| | | $643 41 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 300 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | $343 41 |

## Fire Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Beal, repairs, . . . | $9 50 | |
| William W. Studley, steward, . | 30 00 | |
| 38 firemen, poll taxes, . . | 76 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | | $115 50 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $115 50 | |
| Paid Samuel Bates, sundries, . . | 2 56 | |
| Hunneman & Co., repairs, . . | 15 25 | |
| James Boyd & Sons, new hose, . | 270 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs, . . | 3 15 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, chains, . . | 3 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horses, . . | 13 50 | |
| George Cushing, engine from Hingham, . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Town of Hingham, use of engine, | 20 00 | |
| Beals' express, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Zaccheus Rich and others, labor, . | 18 00 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., shingles, etc., . | 41 87 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . . | 2 25 | |
| Gross & Nichols, refreshments, . | 21 08 | |
| Isaac H. Tower, watching fire, . | 2 00 | |
| Mathew Mulhern, " " . | 2 00 | |
| Patrick Cronican, " " . | 2 00 | |
| John E. Groce, " " . | 2 00 | |
| | | $550 16 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Exceeded the amount appropriated, by vote of the town, to purchase new hose, . . . . . | | $350 16 |

## Printing.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. M. A. Twitchell, reports, . | $155 17 | |
| N. B. Tower, notices and warrants, | 26 00 | |
| | | $181 17 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | $18 83 |

## School Appropriation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treasurer, for teaching, . | | $5500 00 |
| " " " repairs on houses, | | 600 00 |
| " " " deficiency, . . | | 400 00 |
| | | $6500 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $6500 00 |

### School Books.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, . . . . . | | $58 55 |
| No appropriation. | | |

## Public Library.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John W. Bates, Treasurer, . . . . . | | $200 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |

## State and County Tax.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, . . . . . | | $1920 00 |
| County Tax, . . . . . | | 1558 42 |
| | | $3478 42 |

## Town Hall.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Bates, repairs, stoves, etc., | $8 48 | |
| J. Haskins, repairs, slate on roof, . | 8 85 | |
| Ann Thomas, cleaning, . . | 1 50 | |
| Elijah N. Barker, setting glass, . | 1 50 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., wood, . . | 7 00 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of hall, . | 18 50 | |
| | | $45 83 |

Amount of income, $56.00

## Abatement of Taxes.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1878, . . . | $17 13 | |
| " " " 1879, . . . | 76 09 | |
| " " " 1880, . . . | 36 84 | |
| " " " 1881, . . . | 107 29 | |
| | | $237 35 |

No appropriation.

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Expenses incurred in hearing before the Committee on Towns, on the division of the town.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Hyde, Dickinson & Howe, . . | $270 00 | |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying, . | 10 75 | |
| A. H. Tower, Jr., expenses, . | 6 20 | |
| N. B. Tower, " . | 3 75 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, services and expenses, . . . . . | 16 50 | |
| Philander Bates, services and expenses, . . . . . | 15 75 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, . . . . . | 23 60 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 3 50 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Richard Well, services and expenses, | 3 50 | |
| | | $356 55 |

No appropriation.

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## Improvement of Straits Pond.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William Eddy, per contract, . . | $1000 00 | |
| " " extra, . . . | 17 00 | |
| Alfred Beal and others, care of gate, etc., . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 15 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 8 50 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 8 50 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 8 50 | |
| | | $1107 50 |

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| Amount due from town of Hull, . . . . . | $17 00 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | 1000 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | 90 50 |
| | $1107 50 |

## Interest and Discount.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Interest on debt, . . . . | $1603 03 | |
| Discount on taxes, . . . . | 911 10 | |
| | | $2514 13 |
| Amount appropriated for interest, . . . | | 1500 00 |
| " " " discount, . . . | | 1000 00 |
| | | $2500 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | 14 13 |
| Received for interest on deposits and taxes, . . | | $149 23 |

## Debt.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid of the debt, . . . . . | $2000 00 |
| " appropriated for debt, . . . . . | 2000 00 |

## Town Officers.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | $207 15 | |
| Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | 125 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, . . | 151 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector, | 200 00 | |
| N. B. Tower, Town Clerk, . . | 35 00 | |
| *Amovnt carried forward,* - - - | | $718 65 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $718 65 | |
| Paid Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Alfred Beal, services as Constable, . | 15 00 | |
| F. J. Damon, " " . | 27 00 | |
| Franklin Stoddard, " " . | 15 00 | |
| Edw. E. Wentworth, " " . | 20 00 | |
| John E. Groce, " " . | 20 00 | |
| Joseph St. John, " " . | 15 00 | |
| | | $880 65 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 800 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | $80 65 |

## Miscellaneous.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Beal, repairs on pump, . . . | $0 85 |
| Solomon J. Hayden, distributing reports, . | 4 00 |
| Town of Quincy, use of lockup, . . . | 4 00 |
| J. H. Burdakin, copy of records, . . . | 23 00 |
| John W. Brennoch and others, flag-staff, . | 3 25 |
| H. P. Halmer, flag, . . . . . | 35 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, flag-staff, . . . . | 1 08 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., " . . . . | 9 35 |
| Daniel W. Pratt, painting pump, . . . | 6 63 |
| Ann Thomas, cleaning offices, . . . | 5 96 |
| C. A. Litchfield, well, Beechwood, . . | 20 00 |
| H. G. Pratt, " " . . . | 17 75 |
| John J. A. Pratt, " " . . . | 5 65 |
| Samuel Bates, pump, " . . . | 10 20 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., brick, etc., well, Beechwood, | 12 66 |
| Samuel Bates, pump at well, Centre, . . | 10 00 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber at well, Centre, . | 5 31 |
| Zaccheus Rich, labor " " . | 5 75 |
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - - - | $180 44 |

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| *Amount carried forward,* - . - - - | $180 44 |
| Paid Bela Stoddard, labor and stock " " . | 5 25 |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing " " . | 2 25 |
| S. S. Gove, painting " " . | 3 75 |
| Amos E. Tilden, teaming " " . | 2 50 |
| Frances H. Nichols, cambric drapings, . . | 10 97 |
| Beals' Express, . . . . . | 9 00 |
| C. F. B. Tilden, carying Ney to lockup, . . | 2 55 |
| Zaccheus Rich, return of deaths, . . . | 8 00 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock, etc., . . | 30 00 |
| Gross & Nichols, postage and stationery, . | 30 48 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of lockup and tramps, . | 15 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, Selectmen, . . | 15 00 |
| " " " Assessors, . . | 6 00 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, etc., . . . | 47 31 |
| Charles B. Wood, use of well, . . . | 1 00 |
| N. B. Tower, recording births, deaths and marriages, . . . . . | 32 50 |
| Joseph Battles, labor on house, . . . | 3 00 |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying, . . . . | 3 00 |
| F. J. Damon, truant officer, . . . . | 10 00 |
| | $418 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 600 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | 182 00 |

# RECAPITULATION.

| | Amount Expended. | Amount Appropria'd | Exceeded Appropriation. | Less than Appropriation. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| State and Military Aid, . . | $1079 00 | No Appro | priation. | |
| Repairs on Highways, . . | 2000 00 | $2000 00 | | |
| Roads and Bridges, . . . | 200 00 | 200 00 | | |
| Special Repairs, Jerusalem road, | 986 16 | 1000 00 | | $13 84 |
| " " Cedar Street, . | 100 00 | 100 00 | | |
| " " S. Main Street, | 396 31 | 300 00 | $96 31 | |
| " " N. Main Street, | 315 75 | 400 00 | | 84 25 |
| " " Bridge, Beechwood Street, | 345 65 | | | |
| " " Spring Street, . | 74 25 | 75 00 | | 75 |
| New Road, Nichols Avenue, . | 2293 06 | | | |
| Watering Jerusalem Road, . | 694 36 | 740 00 | | 45 64 |
| Removing Snow, . . . | 643 41 | 300 00 | 343 41 | |
| Fire Department, . . . | 550 16 | 200 00 | 350 16 | |
| Printing, . . . . . | 181 17 | 200 00 | | 18 83 |
| Schools and Houses, . . | 6500 00 | 6500 00 | | |
| School Books, . . . . | 58 55 | | | |
| Public Library, . . . | 200 00 | 200 00 | | |
| State and County Taxes, . | 3478 42 | 3478 42 | | |
| Town Hall, . . . . | 45 83 | | | |
| Abatement of Taxes, . . | 237 35 | | | |
| Division of Town, . . . | 356 55 | | | |
| Straits Pond, . . . . | 1107 50 | 1000 00 | 107 50 | |
| Interest and Discount, . . | 2514 13 | 2500 00 | 14 13 | |
| Payment of Debt, . . . | 2000 00 | 2000 00 | | |
| Town Officers, . . . | 880 65 | 800 00 | 80 65 | |
| Miscellaneous, . . . | 418 00 | 600 00 | | 182 00 |
| Overseers of the Poor, . . | 6443 61 | 4500 00 | 1943 61 | |
| | $33,899 87 | $27,093 42 | $2,965 77 | $345 31 |

## Financial Condition of the Town,

FEBRUARY 1, 1882.

FUNDED DEBT. (Issue of May 1, 1876.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Charles Pratt, Note due 1882, . . | $1,000 00 | |
| Abraham H. Tower, Est., Note due 1883, . . . . . | 1,000 00 | |
| Cohasset Saving Bank, 7 notes, due 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, 90, . | 7,000 00 | |
| | | $9,000 00 |

(ISSUE OF APRIL 15, 1878.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Franklin J. Damon, Note due 1882, . | $1,000 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " 1883, . | 500 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " 1883, . | 300 00 | |
| Alfred Whittington, " 1883, . | 200 00 | |
| James Wilson, " 1884, . | 1,000 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, " 1885, . | 1,000 00 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, " 1886, . | 500 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, " 1886, . | 500 00 | |
| James W. Nichols, " 1887, . | 1,000 00 | |
| W. W. Clapp, 3 notes, due 1888, 1889, 1890, . . . . . | 3,000 00 | |
| | | $9,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Martha T. Bates, balance, . . . | $1,400 00 | |
| Nancy S. Whitcomb, 2 notes, . . | 450 00 | |
| Bela Stoddard, . . . . . | 600 00 | |
| George K. Nickerson, April 5, 1881, . | 1,000 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, April 15, 1881, . | 1,000 00 | |
| Caroline E. Pratt, April 15, 1881, . | 300 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1882, | 3,000 00 | |
| | | $7,750 00 |
| Amount of interest-bearing debt, . . . | | $25,750 00 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, Feb. 1, 1882.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due from State, for State and Military Aid, | | $714 00 |
| " State paupers, estimated, | | 20 00 |
| Town of South Scituate, | | 113 42 |
| " Hingham, | | 98 00 |
| " Rockland, | | 22 37 |
| Mary J. Enos, | | 350 00 |
| Sarah C. Koop, | | 432 00 |
| Mary L. Mendoca, | | 400 00 |
| Thomas J. Sheridan, | | 17 55 |
| Philip D. Minot's Estate, | | 300 00 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, | | 23 12 |
| Galen James, | | 3 75 |
| Town of Hull, | | 17 00 |
| James Dady, | | 177 50 |
| Balance in Treasury, Cash, | $1,398 98 | |
| " " Taxes, | 1,426 52 | |
| | | 2,825 50 |
| | | $5,514 21 |
| Amount of Interest-bearing debt, | | $25,750 00 |
| " of Assets, | | 5,514 21 |
| " of Actual Debt, | | $20,235 79 |
| Amount of Actual Debt, Feb. 1, 1881, | | $17,563 67 |
| Increase of Actual Debt, in 1881, | | 2,672 12 |
| | | $20,235 79 |
| Increase of Interest-bearing debt, | | $900 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1882.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand Feb. 1, 1881, | $1,685 96 |
| Paid Thomas Williston, labor, | 5 62 |
| Charles Joseph, " | 5 00 |
| William O. Souther, balance of salary, | 51 42 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, &c., | 77 17 |
| W. W. Bates, " | 169 43 |
| Herbert L. Brown, " | 202 71 |
| Alex. T. Prouty, " | 75 13 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., " | 171 80 |
| Samuel P. Stoddard, " | 21 04 |
| David B. Tower, " | 27 14 |
| Lewis L. Wheelwright, " | 4 73 |
| Herbert A. Tilden, " | 91 00 |
| Ezekiel L. James, " | 3 03 |
| Gross & Nichols, " | 154 05 |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., clothing, etc., | 60 70 |
| Frances H. Nichols, dry goods, | 72 81 |
| Nancy Nichols, labor, | 44 00 |
| C. T. G. Swanburry, horse, | 200 00 |
| J. W. Peirce, fish, etc., | 54 27 |
| D. W. Taylor, " | 12 52 |
| D. Sylvester, " | 16 49 |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, | 71 21 |
| Samuel Bates, tin ware and stoves, | 66 76 |
| Z. C. Small, labor and stock, | 9 70 |
| C. F. Allen, Sewing Machine, | 35 00 |
| W. F. Thayer, beef, | 75 63 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, | 260 18 |
| Philander Bates, shoes, | 30 10 |
| Mass. Ploughman, | 2 70 |
| Samuel G. James, ploughing, | 7 00 |
| Edward E. Wentworth, smithing, | 49 89 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $3814 19 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - - - | $3814 19 |
| Paid Frank W. Brown, medicine, . . . . | 4 06 |
| Henry Mott, whitewashing, . . . . | 8 00 |
| Lavina Bates, labor, . . . . . | 40 00 |
| Mary Craig, " . . . . . | 30 00 |
| Isaac H. Young, salary to Feb. 1, . . . | 229 12 |
| " " sundry bills paid, . . . | 10 90 |
| Beals' Express, . . . . . | 8 90 |
| Bela Stoddard, mason, . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Thomas Bates, use of stock, . . . . | 4 00 |
| Frank J. Damon, smithing, . . . . | 6 75 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, mason, . . . . | 2 50 |
| Thomas Beal, repairs harnesses, . . . | 8 25 |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairs wagon, . . . | 2 25 |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . . . | 3 00 |
| S. S. Gove, setting glass, . . . . | 1 25 |
| Souther & Williams, ice, . . . . | 9 05 |
| George C. Lincoln, pigs, . . . . | 18 00 |
| John Dobby, pigs, . . . . . | 7 00 |
| Clarence Litchfield, cow, . . . . | 30 00 |
| Lydia Nichols, sewing, . . . . . | 2 70 |
| Joseph Litchfield, stones, . . . . | 3 00 |
| Maria C. Nichols, dried apples, . . . | 3 30 |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., labor and team, . . | 4 95 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber and coal, . . | 49 73 |
| Overseers of the Poor services, . . . | 65 00 |
| | $4,380 90 |

## Stock at Almshouse Feb. 1, 1882.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 Turkeys . . | $ 14 | 00 | |
| 45 Hens . . . | 22 | 50 | |
| 2 Horses, . . . | 275 | 00 | |
| 2 Cows, . . . | 90 | 00 | |
| 1 Yearling, . . | 12 | 00 | |
| 2 Hogs, . . . | 14 | 00 | |
| 1 Horse Cart, . . | 25 | 00 | |
| 1 Farm Wagon, . | 80 | 00 | |
| 1 Express " . | 50 | 00 | |
| 1 Pung, . . . | 38 | 00 | |
| 1 Sled, . . . | 2 | 00 | |
| 2 Wheelbarrows, . | 9 | 00 | |
| 1 Harrow, . . | 10 | 00 | |
| 3 Plows, . . . | 10 | 00 | |
| 2 Cart Harnesses, . | 20 | 00 | |
| 1 Wagon " . | 10 | 00 | |
| 1 Lead " . | 6 | 00 | |
| Robes and Blankets, . | 5 | 00 | |
| Carpenter's Tools, . | 4 | 00 | |
| Farming " . | 25 | 00 | |
| 1 Horse Rake, . . | 7 | 00 | |
| 1 Drag, . . . | 1 | 00 | |
| Chains, etc., . . | 10 | 00 | |
| Saws, Axes and Hatchets, | 8 | 00 | |
| Drills, Hammers, etc., | 20 | 00 | |
| Casks and Barrels, . | 10 | 50 | |
| Sewing Machine, . | 35 | 00 | |
| Household Furniture, | 350 | 00 | |
| Crockery and Glassware, | 22 | 50 | |
| Cutlery, Spoons, etc., | 15 | 00 | |
| Tin, Earthen & Stoneware, | 30 | 00 | |
| Woodenware, . . | 25 | 00 | |
| Stoves and Fixtures, . | 60 | 00 | |
| Paint, Oil and Brushes, | 3 | 00 | |
| 125 lbs. Salt Beef, . | 12 | 50 | |
| 300 lbs. Salt Pork, . | 36 | 00 | |
| 100 lbs. Ham, . . | 12 | 50 | |
| 20 lbs. Lard, . . | 2 | 60 | |
| 25 lbs. Butter, . | 8 | 75 | |
| Groceries, . . . | 30 | 00 | |
| 1 1-2 bbls. Flour, . | 13 | 87 | |
| 70 Gallons Vinegar, . | 17 | 50 | |
| 55 Bushels Potatoes, | 55 | 00 | |
| 20 " Carrots, . | 10 | 00 | |
| 8 " Turnips, . | 4 | 00 | |
| 1 Ton Mangolds, . | 12 | 00 | |
| 4 Dozen Cabbage, . | 4 | 00 | |
| 6 Tons English Hay, . | 132 | 00 | |
| 2 1-2 Tons Corn Fodder, | 17 | 50 | |
| 20 Bush. Corn on cob, | 9 | 00 | |
| Grain and Bags, . | 5 | 00 | |
| Lot Manure, . . | 75 | 00 | |
| 1 Ton Coal, . . | 6 | 75 | |
| 6 Cords Hard Wood, | 36 | 00 | |
| | $1818 | 47 | |

## Accounts of Sales from Almshouse.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Bourne & Nickerson, beef and pork, | | $23 12 |
| Frank Young, board, | | 74 00 |
| William O. Souther, hay, | | 21 60 |
| Thomas Bates, hay, | | 19 30 |
| C. F. B. Tilden, hay, | | 15 40 |
| 21 Barrels of potatoes, | | 56 70 |
| Levis L. Wheelwright, poultry, | | 18 00 |
| E. L. James, poultry, | | 14 00 |
| Clarence Litchfield, milk, | | 31 08 |
| Cabbage, straw, milk and eggs, | | 13 55 |
| Vinal and Mendoca, rent, | | 36 17 |
| William O. Souther, cart, etc., | | 15 11 |
| Herbert L. Brown, eggs, | | 1 89 |
| | | $329 92 |
| Amount of Stock on hand, | $1818 47 | |
| " Sales, | 329 92 | |
| | | $2,148 39 |
| Debit brought forward, | | 4,380 90 |
| Credit " " | | 2,148 39 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, | | $2,232 51 |
| Expenses of inmates at Almshouse for 705 weeks at $3.16$\frac{471}{705}$ per week, amounts to | | 2,232 51 |

The following persons were in the Almshouse Feb. 1, 1882:

| | |
|---|---|
| Elizabeth Hudson, | William C. Hayden, |
| Jane B. Lambert, | David Vinal, |
| Emma Everett, | Benjamin Everett, |
| Joseph P. Wheelwright, | Robert Williams, |
| William T. Stewart, | Mary L. Mendoca, |
| Augusta Silva, | Joseph W. Pratt, |
| John J. Lothrop, | Antone George. |
| Frances C. George, | |

## Support and Relief of Persons outside of Almshouse.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1882.

SARAH C. KOOP.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on the treasury, . . . . | $72 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . . . | 16 75 | |
| | | $88 75 |

MANUEL ENOS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasurer, . . . . . | | 78 00 |

HANNAH WHEELWRIGHT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasurer, . . . . . | | 78 00 |

MYRA GARDNER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ephriam Battles, . . . . . | | 78 00 |

FRANK KENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Isaac Kent, . . . . . | | 120 00 |

HANNAH L. CUSHING.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid S. H. Winckley, . . . . . | | 78 00 |

ELIZABETH AINSLIE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Order on the Treasurer, . . . . | $122 00 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, . . . . | 69 15 | |
| Frank W. Brown, medicine, . . . . | 21 80 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . . | 22 00 | |
| Philander Bates, boots and shoes, . . | 18 30 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . . . | 30 91 | |
| | | $284 16 |

JOSEPH F. MARTIN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasurer, . . . . . | | 72 00 |

MARY O'BRIEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasurer, . . . . | $72 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., wood and coal, . | 23 00 | |
| | | $95 00 |

ROSA FLAVIN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders on the Treasurer, . . . . . | | 96 00 |

DEBORAH KILBURN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, . . | $130 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 15 00 | |
| F. W. Brown, medicine, . . | 7 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 9 00 | |
| | | $161 50 |

ADDIE L. BOGUES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, . . | $130 00 | |
| Lot W. Bates, rent, . . . | 25 00 | |
| Bourne and Nickerson, beef, . . | 22 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 13 50 | |
| | | $191 00 |

JOSEPH E. SMITH.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, . . | $130 00 | |
| Lot W. Bates, rent and milk, . . | 52 41 | |
| W. F. Thayer, beef, . . . | 56 22 | |
| F. W. Brown, medicine, . . | 2 00 | |
| | | $240 63 |

SUSAN MEEKER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, . . | $8 00 | |
| H. L. Brown, " . . | 14 25 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 14 25 | |
| | | $36 50 |

WILLIAM H. LITCHFIELD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . | $9 00 | |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., wood, . | 3 00 | |
| Town of Scituate, . . . | 106 75 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 4 75 | |
| | | 123 50 |

SARAH MCCORMICK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . | $20 00 | |
| H. A. Tilden, " . | 10 00 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . | 15 50 | |
| | | 45 50 |

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|---|---|---|
| **John Tyrer.** | | |
| Paid Gross & Nichols, groceries, . . . . | | 111 82 |
| **William Hayden.** | | |
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . . | | 36 00 |
| **Frank Pearson.** | | |
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . . | | 30 55 |
| **Mrs. Antone Joseph.** | | |
| Orders on the Treasurer, . . . . . | | 72 00 |
| **Taunton Lunatic Hospital.** | | |
| Paid for John J. Lothrop, Jr., . . | $71 09 | |
| for John F. Murphy, . . . | 39 77 | |
| for William Kilburn, . . . | 185 53 | |
| for Lot Willcutt, . . . . | 54 72 | |
| | | 351 11 |
| **Danvers and Worcester Lunatic Hospitals.** | | |
| Paid for Julia Macomber, . . . . . | | 206 85 |
| **Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester.** | | |
| Paid for Elizabeth J. Dady, . . . . . | | 177 50 |
| **Philip D. Minot.** | | |
| Paid William J. Newcomb, burial expenses, . . | | 33 00 |
| **Charles H. Litchfield.** | | |
| Paid J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, | $13 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, cloth, etc., for boy, . | 7 77 | |
| H. L. Brown, groceries, wife, . | 22 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, " . | 5 25 | |
| | | 48 52 |
| **Fredick Bates.** | | |
| Paid Francisco Frates, . . . . | $20 00 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . | 1 25 | |
| | | 21 25 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Antone George.** | | |
| Paid City of Cambridge, . . . . . | | 25 93 |
| **Sarah A. Powers.** | | |
| Paid City of Taunton, . . . . . | | 1 77 |
| **Lois Ney.** | | |
| Paid H. L. Brown, groceries, . . | $94 80 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 5 00 | |
| Aaron Pratt, rent, . . . . | 18 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 9 25 | |
| | | 127 05 |
| **Mary A. Compton.** | | |
| Orders on the Treasurer, . . . . | $56 00 | |
| Paid G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 10 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 8 00 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, " . . | 8 75 | |
| | | 82 75 |
| **Isaac H. Tower.** | | |
| Paid Philander Bates, shoes, . . | $19 40 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . | 19 41 | |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | 10 00 | |
| F. W. Brown, medicine, . . | 1 25 | |
| | | 50 06 |
| **Oliver D. Morey.** | | |
| Paid J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . . | | 23 00 |
| **Joseph Munnies.** | | |
| Paid Zaccheus Rich, burial of Esther E., . . | | 12 25 |
| **Susan Waters.** | | |
| Paid G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . | $25 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, groceries, . . | 19 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 13 75 | |
| | | 58 25 |

DORCAS REED.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, . , . | | $35 00 |
| City of Boston, for Mary C. Kent, . | $126 45 | |
| " " for Abigail B. Orcutt, . | 22 00 | |
| " " for Eunice Sterling, . | 64 55 | |
| " " for Thankful R. Souther, | 36 00 | |
| | | $249 00 |

CHARLES J. MCCARTY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Tower, Bro. & Co., coal and groceries, . . . . . | $20 32 | |
| Philander Bates, shoes, . . | 2 05 | |
| | | $22 37 |

CHARLES JOSEPH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Tower, Bro. & Co., flour, . . . . | 9 10 |
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, . | 62 00 |
| Philander Bates, " " . | 15 00 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " " . | 20 00 |

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|---|---|
| By amount due from James Dady, . . . . | $177 51 |
| " " Hingham, . . . . | 136 25 |
| " " Rockland, . . . . | 22 37 |
| " " State paupers, . . . . | 20 00 |
| | $356 13 |
| " " Rent Minot's, . . . . | 36 50 |
| | $392 63 |
| Amount of expenses at Almshouse, . . . . | $2,232 51 |
| " " outside relief, . . . . | 3,748 67 |
| | $5,981 18 |
| Deduct outside credit, . . . . . | 392 63 |
| Total amount for support of poor, . . . . | $5,588 55 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 4,500 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | $1,088 55 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

## Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1881-82.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid | Selectmens' Orders drawn to date, . . . . | $18,288 88 |
| " | Assessors' orders for abatement of taxes, . . | 237 35 |
| " | State aid and relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, | 1,071 00 |
| " | Appropriation for Schools and repairs of School houses, . . . . . | 6,500 00 |
| " | Additional items on School account, . . . | 447 69 |
| " | Discount on taxes as paid to Nov. 10, 1881, . . | 911 10 |
| " | State of Massachusetts tax for 1881, . . . | 1,920 00 |
| " | County of Norfolk tax for 1881, . . . . | 1,558 42 |
| " | Heirs of Susan Willcutt proceeds from sale of land refunded, . . . . . | 59 34 |
| " | Zenas D. Lincoln, funded note due, 1881, . . | 1,000 00 |
| " | Howard Pratt Est., " " " 1881, . . | 1,000 00 |
| " | Joseph F. Paul, balance demand note, . . . | 900 00 |
| " | Cohasset Mut. Fire Ins. Co., " " . . . | 500 00 |
| " | Robert T. Burbank, " " . . . | 500 00 |
| " | Samuel E. Pratt, " " . . . | 200 00 |
| " | John H. Morgan, " " . . . | 200 00 |
| " | Martha T. Bates, on acct. " " . . . | 100 00 |
| " | Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, . . . | 7,000 00 |
| " | Interest on Town's Notes, . . . . . | 1,603 03 |
| | | $43,996 81 |

Balance in Treasury, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unpaid taxes, previous to 1881, . . . . | $ 451 32 | |
| " " for 1881, . . . . . | 975 20 | |
| Cash on deposit, . . . . . | 1,398 98 | |
| | | $ 2,825 50 |
| | | $46,822 31 |

COHASSET, FEB. 1, 1882.

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COHASSET, FEB. 10, 1882.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correctly cast, and properly vouched.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# A. H. Tower, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

1881-82.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury from former account, | $5,007 | 74 |
| Received of State Treas. on acct. State Aid and Relief, 1881, | 702 | 00 |
| " " National Bank tax, " | 1,678 | 05 |
| " " Corporation tax, " | 3,979 | 70 |
| " " State Paupers, " | 21 | 43 |
| " " Income Mass. School Fund, " | 191 | 91 |
| " Norfolk County, balance dog licenses 1881, | 211 | 38 |
| " " discount on County tax, 1881, | 12 | 20 |
| " Town of Hingham, sup. of Myra Gardner, 1881, | 78 | 00 |
| " Louis N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, | 56 | 00 |
| " Rent of offices at Harbor school-house, | 60 | 00 |
| " " Philip D. Minot, house, | 36 | 50 |
| " " Manuel F. Mendoca, house, | 4 | 17 |
| " " David Vinal, house, | 32 | 00 |
| " Almshouse sales of produce, &c., | 266 | 88 |
| " Interest on Bank Deposits, and fees on delinquent taxes, | 127 | 28 |
| " Interest of Ripley Fund, 1881, | 40 | 40 |
| " " of Mary J. Enos, mortgage note, | 9 | 75 |
| " Tuition of Non-resident per School Com., | 4 | 00 |
| " Residents on Jerusalem road, subscriptions for sprinkling, | 540 | 00 |
| " George K. Nickerson, hired money, | 1,000 | 00 |
| " Samuel E. Pratt, " " | 1,000 | 00 |
| " Caroline E. Pratt, " " | 300 | 00 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, " " | 10,000 | 00 |
| " Amount of Tax list for 1881. | 21,462 | 92 |
| | $46,822 | 31 |

A. H. TOWER, Jr., *Treasurer.*

## Town of Cohasset in account with School Committee.

*Dr.*

1881–2.

### High School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $1000 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 800 00 | |
| | | $1,800 00 |
| Solomon J. Hayden, janitor, . . | 36 12 | |
| Galen James, 1-4 cord wood, . . | 1 25 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor, . . | 7 67 | |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . | 53 03 | |
| M. B. Stetson, 1 1-2 foot wood, . | 1 03 | |
| James Sweeney, janitor, . . | 7 88 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., wood and coal, . | 62 23 | |
| | | $169 21 |

### Jerusalem School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | . . | $340 00 |
| H. D. Hyde, 2 cords wood, . . | $16 00 | |
| A. M. Beal, care of fire and room, . | 6 00 | |
| B. T. Lincoln, " " " . | 1 50 | |
| Wade and Bogart, 2 cords wood, . | 16 00 | |
| | | $39 50 |

### North Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| John Sweeney, labor on wood, . | $5 00 | |
| William Ready, care of fires & rooms, | 6 00 | |
| Cornelius Lincoln, " " " | 6 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor on wood, | 5 05 | |
| Teachers, care of fires and rooms, . | 6 00 | |
| Estate of A. H. Tower, 4 cords wood, | 26 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., wood, . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $59 05 |

### Centre Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| William Hayden, care of fires & rooms, | $ 10 50 | |
| E. C. Bates, sweeping, . . . | 3 00 | |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . | 36 73 | |
| M. B. Stetson, 1 cord wood, . . | 5 50 | |
| John Keating, care of fires & rooms, | 3 00 | |
| C. J. Nichols, 1-2 cord pine wood, . | 2 75 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor on wood, | 3 50 | |
| Teacher, care of fire and room, . | 3 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, care fires & rooms, | 5 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 15 00 | |
| | | $87 98 |

### South Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| C. J. Nichols, 1-2 cord pine wood, . | 3 00 | |
| C. J. Nichols, 1-2 " " . | 2 75 | |
| P. Brennock, care of fires and rooms, | 15 00 | |
| M. L. Beal, " " " | 3 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 14 44 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor on wood, | 2 75 | |
| | | $40 94 |

### Beechwood Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $450 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $750 00 |
| Weston Litchfield, care of fires & rooms, | $10 00 | |
| L. Webster Bates, 6 cords hard wood, | 42 00 | |
| " " 1 3-8 cd. pine " | 6 87 | |
| " " labor on " | 23 50 | |
| | | $82 37 |

HARBOR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $300 00 |
| Geo. O. Higgins, care of fires & room, | $6 00 | |
| Teacher, " " " | 3 00 | |
| A. Whittington, 1-2 cord wood, . | 2 75 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 14 50 | |
| | | $26 25 |

KINGS STREET SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| Galen James, 1 cord wood, and labor on same, . . . . . | $8 50 | |
| Harry W. Burbank, care of fire and room, . . . . . | 9 00 | |
| Burbank and James, labor on wood, | 3 25 | |
| Samuel James, 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 00 | |
| | | 25 75 |
| | | $5,981 05 |

## Expenditures on School-Houses.

HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid E. N. Barker, glazing, . . . | $3 00 | |
| E. L. Rollins, curtains and fixtures, | 6 83 | |
| D. S. Lothrop, books for desk, . | 70 | |
| A. T. Prouty, brooms and crayons, . | 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, stock and labor, . | 46 00 | |
| Samuel Hall, use of well to July 23, 1881, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| A. T. Bliss, printing for graduation, | 11 00 | |
| Mr. Steward, pianist, . . . | 3 00 | |
| Comer's Com. College Co., filling out diplomas, . . . . . | 75 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor, . . | 1 03 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing, etc., . | 8 21 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, - - - | | $91 02 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $91 02 | |
| Paid Mrs. Henry, cleaning, . . . | 13 00 | |
| Charles Henry, cleaning vaults, . | 3 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 41 00 | |
| C. F. Tilden. stove shaker, . . | 40 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairing black-boards, . . . . . | 7 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . | 30 08 | |
| D. W. Whitcomb, chair, . . | 3 50 | |
| | | $189 50 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid D. O. Wade, repairs, . . . . | $13 36 | |
| Wade, Bogart & Co., stationery, etc., | 4 87 | |
| Bela Stoddard, stock and labor, . | 7 50 | |
| C. Knapp, glazing, . . . | 4 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, call bell, etc., . . | 2 75 | |
| M. Beal, cleaning, . . . | 4 50 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairing black-boards, . . . . . | 7 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, books and stationery, . | 6 60 | |
| | | 50 58 |

NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock, | $0 75 | |
| Thomas Willcutt, labor, . . | 13 75 | |
| Antone Lawrence, " . . | 3 80 | |
| Bela Stoddard, stock and labor, . | 3 75 | |
| Mrs. Henry, cleaning, . . . | 10 17 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor, . . | 75 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . | 15 54 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, etc., . . | 9 77 | |
| Charles Henry, cleaning vault, .. | 3 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., clapboards, . | 1 38 | |
| Zeba C. Small, paint and labor, . | 2 00 | |
| | | 64 66 |

### Centre School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid E. N. Barker, glazing, . . | $1 10 | |
| A. T. Prouty, brooms and matches, | 55 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, stock and labor, | 7 75 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, cleaning, . | 2 57 | |
| Lewis Willcutt, labor, . . . | 1 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, stock and repairs, . | 10 84 | |
| Charles Henry, cleaning vault, . | 3 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 42 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . | 14 82 | |
| Gross & Nichols, stove polish, etc., | 1 00 | |
| Mrs. M. Mulcahy, cleaning, . . | 8 00 | |
| | | 51 55 |

### South School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. H. H. Hancock, cleaning clock, | $1 00 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, stock and labor, | 20 72 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, etc., . . | 2 54 | |
| Mrs. M. Cronican, cleaning, . . | 9 00 | |
| C. F. Tilden, stove shaker, . . | 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 90 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing blackboards, | 1 55 | |
| D. W. Pratt, glazing, . . . | 1 05 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . | 14 43 | |
| | | 51 69 |

### Beechwood School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid L. Webster Bates, chair cushion, . | $2 00 | |
| J. J. A. Pratt, repairs, . . . | 9 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 6 40 | |
| Samuel Bates, cleaning funnel, . | 3 00 | |
| W. W. Bates, pail and brooms, . | 4 95 | |
| Lot W. Bates, cleaning, . . | 8 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . | 16 24 | |
| E. B. Francis, labor, . . . | 6 32 | |
| Mrs. C. H. Wood, use of well, . | 1 00 | |
| | | 56 91 |

### Harbor School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. F. Thomas, cleaning, . . | $8 50 | |
| A. T. Prouty, brooms and crayons, | 68 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs, etc., . . | 8 80 | |
| Mrs. A. Thomas, cleaning, . . | 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 6 89 | |
| A. W. Hayden, mason work, . | 2 05 | |
| C. F. Tilden, fixing ventilator, . | 1 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson, curtain fixtures, . | 1 02 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, stock and labor, | 5 52 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing blackboard, | 1 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, books and stationery, | 2 50 | |
| | | 38 46 |

### King Street School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. J. Pratt, repairs, . . . | $5 00 | |
| Mrs. Williston, cleaning, . . | 4 00 | |
| Galen James, repairs, . . . | 2 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . | 6 01 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 7 09 | |
| | | 24 35 |
| | | $527 70 |

### Miscellaneous.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, Superintendent, . | $200 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, Truant Officer, . | 12 00 | |
| L. N. Bates, Treasurer, . . | 25 00 | |
| R. S. Davis & Co., text books, . | 15 00 | |
| N. E. News Co., paper, . . | 7 97 | |
| James Sweeney, moving book-case, | 15 | |
| Miss A. A. Souther, paper, . . | 1 50 | |
| Ginn & Heath, singing books, . | 22 50 | |
| N. E. Furnishing Co., report'g c'ds, | 2 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, teams and teaming, | 52 75 | |
| A. C. Stockin, text-books, . . | 60 42 | |
| Lee & Shepard, " . . | 6 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, - - - | | $405 29 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $405 29 | |
| Paid Russell Publishing Co., text-books, | 6 00 | |
| Knight, Adams & Co., stationery, . | 3 96 | |
| E. E. Ellms, Walton's tables and rubber stamp, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| | | 423 25 |
| Expenditures on School Houses, . . . . | | 527 70 |
| " for teaching, . . . . . | | 5,450 00 |
| " for fuel, care of rooms, etc., . . | | 531 05 |
| " of last year in excess of appropriation, | | 182 07 |
| | | $7,114 07 |

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|---|---|---|
| By Town appropriation, . . | $6,500 00 | |
| Tuition of non-resident scholar, . | 4 00 | |
| State School Fund, . . . | 191 91 | |
| Norfolk County dog licenses, . . | 211 38 | |
| Ripley School Fund, . . . | 40 40 | |
| | | 6,947 69 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | $166 38 |

L. N. BATES,
*Treasurer of School Committee.*

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**Estimated amount to be Appropriated for the ensuing Year.**

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|---|---|
| For Payment of debt, . . . . . | $2000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . . | 1500 00 |
| Discount on Taxes, . . . . . | 1000 00 |
| Support of Poor, . . . . . | 5500 00 |
| " Schools, . . . . . | 5700 00 |
| Repairs of School Houses and salaries of Supt. and Treas. of Committee, . . . . | 800 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - - - | $16,500 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | | $16,500 00 |
| For Removing snow, | | 1500 00 |
| Roads and bridges, | | 200 00 |
| Watering Jerusalem road, | | 200 00 |
| Repairs of highways, | | 2000 00 |
| Town officers, | | 900 00 |
| Printing, | | 200 00 |
| Fire department, | | 200 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | | 400 00 |
| Nichols avenue, | | 2000 00 |
| Jerusalem road and Straits Pond, | | 1000 00 |
| Margin street's improvements, | | 500 00 |
| Public Library, | | 300 00 |
| State and County Taxes, estimated, | | 3400 00 |
| | | $29,300 00 |
| Deduct sums available for the above appropriations. | | |
| Cash in the Treasury, | $1500 00 | |
| Unpaid Taxes, estimated, | 700 00 | |
| Estimated amount to be received from Corporations and Bank taxes for 1882, | 4500 00 | |
| | | $6,700 00 |
| Amount to be raised by taxation, | | $22,600 00 |

## Table of Aggregates.

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|---|---|
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1880, | $1,582,024 00 |
| " of Personal Estate, " " | 1,029,359 00 |
| | $2,611,383 00 |
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1881, | 1,713,342 00 |
| " of Personal Estate, " " | 1,140,562 00 |
| | $2,853,904 00 |
| Increase in valuation in 1881, | 242,521 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Number of Polls in 1880, | 576 | |
| " " 1881, | 608 | |
| Increase in Polls, | 32 | |
| Tax on Polls and Estates, | | $21,462 00 |
| Rate per cent. on $1000, | | 7 00 |
| Number of dwelling houses, 1881, | 549 | |
| " Horses, " | 246 | |
| " Cows, " | 300 | |
| " Acres of land, | | 5850 |

## List of Jurymen.

DRAWN DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| March 24, 1881, | JAMES W. BELL, | Grand Juror, |
| March 28, 1881, | WILLIAM EDDY, | Superior Court, |
| April 13, " | LEWIS WILLCUTT, | " " |
| May 6, " | GEORGE W. PRATT, | Sup. Jud. Court, |
| May 6, " | WALDO C. LOCKE, | " " |
| August 29, " | JOSEPH B. LINCOLN, | Superior " |
| Sept. 19, " | GEORGE W. KIMBALL, | " " |
| Nov. 29, " | ZACCHEUS L. BEAL, | " " |
| Dec. 13, " | THOMAS D. BLOSSOM, | " " |
| Feb. 8, 1882, | LORING BATES, | Sup. Jud. Court, |

## List of Jurors,

As prepared by the Selectmen, to be Accepted or Rejected by the Town at its Annual March Meeting, to be held March 6, 1882.

THOMAS A. BATES,
PHILANDER BATES,
ALLEN C. BATES,
EDWIN BATES,
RUFUS BATES, Jr.,
WILLIAM H. BEAL,
WALTER S. BEAL,
MICHAEL BRENNOCK,
SAMUEL L. GROCE,
GEORGE O. HIGGINS,
DANIEL HUDSON, Jr.,
GALEN JAMES,
CHARLES L. KITTRELL,
RICHARD W. LOTHROP,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
CALEB LINCOLN,

George H. Briggs,
Charles G. Crockett,
Orlando Curtis,
Anthony Clark,
John M. Damon,
J. Foster Doane,
John A. Dyer,
Edward E. Ellms,
Manuel S. Enos,
Stephen D. Farrar,
C. James Nichols,
Fredric L. Lincoln,
Levi Lincoln,
Samuel E. Pratt,
Robert B. Pratt,
Aaron Pratt,
Ziba C. Small,
Morgan B. Stetson,
Andrew J. Souther,
Abraham H. Tower,
Herbert A. Tilden,
Charles H. Willard.

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## ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

### March 6, 1882.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To act upon the Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Public Library, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of School Committee and School Committee.

Article 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law, and By-laws of the Town.

Article 4. What sums of money will the Town raise and appropriate for the Support of the Poor, Repairs of Highways, Support of Schools, Payment of Debt, Interest, Discount, Public Library, and other necessary charges and expenses for the current year. Also will the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation, of the Taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

Article 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

Article 7. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 8. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the mouth of February next.

ARTICLE 9. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for special repairs on Jerusalem Road, Hull Street, and improvement of Straits Pond, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the improvement of Margin Street, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 11. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to raise the road on Beechwood Street, at foot of hill, west of Dwelling House of Francis L. Bates, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. Will the town instruct its Selectmen to confer with the Selectmen of Hingham and Hull, in relation to widening the Bridge at Straits Pond, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. Will the town cause a Hook and Ladder Truck to be placed on Beechwood Street, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town for the current year, in accordance with Chapter 54, of the acts of 1881.

ARTICLE 15. Will the Town cause a side walk to be built on the southerly side of Summer Street, between the dwellings of Samuel L. Jenkins and Elisha Stetson, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town Offices and to vote in Town Affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ARTICLE 17. What action will the Town take in regard to the County of Norfolk furnishing a school for Truant Children in the County.

ARTICLE 18. Will the Town authorize the Treasury to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen to pay the amount needed to purchase the Real Estate belonging to the Proprietors of Straits Pond Flats, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. Will the Town instruct the Overseers of the Poor, to make a settlement with persons receiving assistance from the town, who own Real Estate in this town, also instruct the Overseers of the Poor to sell and convey the town's interest in the Real Estate of Philip D. Minot, now held by the town by deed from said Minot, to the heirs of said Minot, upon the payment to the Town its claim on said property, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 60, of the Acts of 1880.

# LIST OF

# Marriages, Births, and Deaths,

## Registered in Cohasset, for the year 1881.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

### MARRIAGES.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1881. Jan. 1, | Jesse T. Barnes<br>Hattie E. Cushing | Cohasset<br>Hingham | Married in Hingham by Rev. Calvin Lincoln. |
| " 8, | Elbridge G. Bates<br>Georgiana Smith | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt Esq. |
| " 8, | Benjamin F. Morse<br>Winnifred E. Lines | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| Feb. 28, | Joseph Jason, Jr<br>Maggie A. Moroney | Cohasset<br>Boston | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| Mar. 23, | Benjamin D. Litchfield<br>Mary H. Ripley | Scituate<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| April 13, | Clifford W. Ripley<br>Nettie S. Labree | Cohasset<br>Hull | Married in Hingham by Rev. Calvin Lincoln. |
| May 10, | Caleb S. Beal<br>Harriet E. Bailey | Boston<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 20, | George E. Sylvester<br>Mary A. Damon | Scituate<br>So. " | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt Esq. |
| July 6, | Edward W. Merritt<br>Abbie W. Barnes | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 6, | John W. Richardson<br>Lizzie M. Smith | Foxboro'<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| Aug. 16, | Guy H. Gardner<br>Cora Cutler | Somersworth, N. H.<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. George W. Gardner. |
| " 30, | Abraham J. Antoine<br>Elizabeth Queeney | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| Sept. 4, | Richard Hollarn<br>Sarah McCarthy | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| " 25, | John A. Hobson<br>Lena A. Carter | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 26, | Samuel C. Souther, Jr<br>Rachael A. Wimer | Hingham<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Francis D. Sargent. |
| Oct. 5, | George H. Turner<br>Caroline E. Briggs | So. Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 12, | Charles Wilson<br>Matilda Fraser | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |

**MARRIAGES.— Continued.**

| Date. | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1881. | | | |
| Nov. 6, | Joseph Silvia..... | Cohasset..... | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Edward C. Hood. |
| | Julia E. Litchfield..... | Scituate ..... | |
| " 24, | William T. Tilden..... | Cohasset..... | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Flora L. Brown..... | Scituate ..... | |
| " 26, | Antoine J. Sidney..... ..... | Cohasset..... | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Josephine Frates..... | " | |
| " 27, | Daniel Donovan..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Mary McCarty ..... | " | |
| Dec. 15, | Horace W. White..... | Cohasset..... | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| | Vieve E. Simmons..... | Monckton, N.B | |

Twenty-two marriages were registered by the Town Clerk during the year 1881, as per list above.

Eighteen Certificates of Intention of Marriage were issued during 1881.

## BIRTHS. — 1881.

| Date of Birth | | Names. | Parents Name. | Maiden Name | Place of Birth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 16 | Manuel Perry Valine | Manuel P. and Sarah E. | Antoine | Margin street. |
| " | 20 | Margaret Bates Snow | Ephraim (Jr.) and Henrietta | Cushing | Elm " |
| " | 21 | Sarah Lawrence Flavin | John W. and Rose | Lawrence | Snow Place. |
| Feb. | 11 | Mary Hardwick | Samuel V. and Catharine | Lavin | Doane street. |
| " | 13 | *Thomas Dalton | James and Maggie | Ryan | Pleasant " |
| Mar. | 17 | Martha Anna Barnes | Jesse F. and Hattie E. | Cushing | Hingham. |
| " | 22 | Lulu Frances Wood | Osborn and Addie P. | Peakes | Beechwood St. |
| " | 27 | Florence May Ainslie | Atwood I. and Sarah | Haskell | " " |
| " | 31 | Joseph Lewis Bates | Joseph J. and Sarah L. | Rich | Joy Place. |
| April | 2 | *Martha Harvey | James B. and Mercy A. | Hooper | Spring street. |
| " | 5 | Edgar Buffum | Edgar and Mary F. | Lawrence | Summer " |
| " | 11 | Herbert Chester Bates | William H. and Grace E. | Tower | King " |
| " | 13 | Lottie A'Hearn | Peter and Maggie | Ryan | Alberton P.E.I. |
| May | 6 | Alfred Warren Pratt | John J. A. and Mary F. | Antoine | Beechwood St. |
| " | 7 | Arthur Hibben Otis | James E and Amelia | Martin | Pleasant " |
| June | 1 | David Souther | William O. and Orianna A. | Lincoln | Pond " |
| " | 22 | Gustavus Victor Loehr | Aug't L. V. & Antoinette J. B. | Hoppe | Hull. |
| July | 4 | Frederick Joseph Sylvia | Joseph F. and Louisa | Enos | Margin street. |
| Aug. | 6 | Lillie Maria Smith | Charles C. and Katie | A'Hearn | No. Main " |
| " | 11 | Ruth Pitkin | Charles L. and Nellie | Washburn | Jerusalem road |
| " | 18 | William B. Johnson Ainslie | George W. and Linda J. | Arnold | Beechwood St. |
| " | 19 | Mabel Frances Treat | Nathaniel W. and Hannah F. | Newcomb | Atlantic Ave. |
| " | 20 | Lura Bates | John W. and Mary J | Litchfield | Beechwood St. |
| " | 21 | Mary Lillie Ainslie | Robert and Katie | Dugan | Margin " |
| Sept. | 3 | James Arthur Roche | Thomas and Anna | A'Hearn | No. Main " |
| " | 3 | *George Edward Merritt | Edward W. and Abbie W. | Barnes | " " |
| " | 15 | Annie Louise Roche | John (Jr.) and Mary H. | Murphy | " " |
| Oct. | 6 | Herbert Franklin Stoddard | Franklin and Ellen N. | Bates | Church " |
| " | 8 | Thomas Francis McMahon | Henry L. and Jane E. | Rafferty | So. Main " |
| " | 13 | Frances Louise Lorenson | Emil and Suniva | Miller | Boston. |
| Nov. | 19 | Agnes Lillian Downes | Patrick and Ellen | O'Kief | Pleasant St. |
| " | 28 | Blanche Mortimer Souther | Andrew J. and Mehitable C. | Hartwell | No. Main " |
| " | 29 | John Silvia | Manuel and Anna | Frates | Border " |
| Dec. | 7 | Ivory Irving Young | Isaac H. and Ada | Ewell | King " |
| " | 14 | Mary Lizzie Pratt | Horatio G. and Elizabeth A. | Parks | Beechwood St. |
| " | 30 | Maud Russell Morey | Oliver D. and Mary S. | Nichols | Jerusalem road |
| 1879 | | | | | |
| Feb | 14 | Mabel Olivene Morey | Oliver D. and Mary S. | Nichols | Winter street. |
| May | 13 | Josie May Bates | Joseph J. and Sarah L. | Rich | Joy Place. |

* Died during the year.

There were thirty-two births in the town during the year 1881 — a much smaller number than for many years — one-half the number being males, and one-half females, their parentage being as follows : —

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| American Father and American Mother | | | | 20 |
| " " " | Foreign | " | | 4 |
| Foreign " " | American | " | | 1 |
| " " " | Foreign | " | | 7 |

The above list contains, in addition to those born in town, four born elsewhere, whose parents were temporally absent, or who have since made their residence here, and two born in 1879 not before registered ; making a total of thirty-eight names.

## DEATHS.—1881.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 17 | Ellery F. Ainslie | 2 | 1 | 4 | Pneumonia | Beechwood St. |
| " | 18 | Lucy E. Pratt | 20 | 3 | 9 | Consumption | " " |
| " | 20 | Horace Hancock | 80 | 9 | | Typhoid Fever | So. Main " |
| " | 25 | Eliza Bourne | 87 | 2 | | Senile Dementia | Elm " |
| " | 28 | Thomas M. Smith | 57 | 4 | | Consumption | No. Main " |
| Feb. | 3 | Marshall Pratt | 74 | 10 | 9 | Brights Disease | Beechwood " |
| " | 6 | ——— Haley | | | | Stillborn | Pleasant " |
| " | 15 | 1 Joshua L. Higgins | 73 | 4 | | Jaundice | Margin " |
| " | 23 | Thomas Dalton | | | 10 | Congestion of Lungs | Pleasant " |
| " | 24 | Adua Bates | 68 | 6 | | Cirrosis | Jerusalem road. |
| Mar. | 2 | 1 Fanny L. Crockett | 28 | | 6 | Cystitis | " " |
| " | 6 | Francis Litchfield | 91 | 8 | | Typhoid Fever | So. Main street. |
| " | 29 | Daisy Damon | | 8 | | Pneumonia | Beechwood " |
| " | 31 | James Creed | 66 | 8 | | Hypertophy of Heart | Border " |
| April | 2 | 1 Ephraim Lincoln | 84 | 2 | | Old Age | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 4 | 2 Esther E. Munnies | 4 | 7 | 22 | Burn | Beechwood St. |
| " | 9 | 2 Annie Thomas | 24 | 5 | | Consumption | Summer " |
| " | 21 | Arthur E Beal | 29 | 5 | | Phthisis Pulmonalis | No. Main " |
| " | 21 | Gustavus Jones | 61 | 1 | | Intersusseption | " " |
| " | 22 | Benjamin H. Pratt | 1 | 11 | 22 | Inflamation of Bowels. | Beechwood " |
| " | 26 | 2 John Rooney | | | | Stillborn | Margin " |
| May | 11 | 3 Alden Simmons | 80 | | 7 | Old Age | So. Main " |
| " | 16 | Frank Sylvia | 1 | 5 | 20 | Consumption | Church " |
| June | 11 | Ernestine Lincoln | 1 | 10 | | Convulsions | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 19 | Abraham H. Tower | 79 | 8 | | Cystitis | No. Main street. |
| July | 2 | Charles H. Wood | 61 | 7 | | Consumption of Blood. | Beechwood " |
| " | 3 | Benjamin Pratt | 74 | 10 | 17 | Bronchitis | " " |
| " | 11 | Arthur R. Beal | 1 | 3 | 16 | Acute Meningitis | No. Main " |
| " | 12 | 4 Harry Chapin | 11 | | | Tetanus | Jerusalem road. |
| Aug. | 4 | Thomas J. Browne | 77 | | | Locomotor Ataxia | Elm street. |
| " | 5 | 2 Laura V. Leonard | 1 | 10 | | Burn | " |
| " | 5 | 1 Lucy Russell Morey | 5 | 6 | | Membraneous Croup | Spring street. |
| " | 5 | ——— Bates | | | | Stillborn | Beechwood St. |
| " | 11 | 5 Martha Harvey | | 4 | 9 | Acute Meningitis | " " |
| " | 12 | Ida M. (Nichols) Bates | 23 | 9 | 2 | Brights Disease | " " |
| Sept. | 11 | Nettie Elizabeth Beal | | 11 | 23 | Cerebritis | Hull " |
| " | 18 | 6 Carlyle Hugo Petersilea | 1 | 9 | 15 | Marasmus | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 24 | Elbridge H. Willcutt | 43 | 3 | | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Summer street. |
| Oct. | 1 | Ernest W. Hayden | 2 | 11 | | Spinal Meningitis | Beechwood " |
| " | 15 | 7 Catharine Buttomer | 68 | 2 | 12 | Phthisis Pulmonalis | " " |
| " | 23 | Clara K. Nickerson | 8 | 10 | | Membraneous Croup | So Main " |
| " | 28 | 8 Orville Richardson | 81 | 5 | 15 | Brights Disease | Bow " |
| Nov | 13 | Winnifred (Ellms) Bates | 81 | 11 | | Gastro Intestinal | Beechwood " |
| " | 16 | 9 Michael Sweeney | 64 | | | Consumption | Border " |
| Dec. | 6 | Gracie Eloise Denithorne | 4 | 9 | 20 | Membraneous Croup | " " |
| " | 10 | George Edward Merritt | | 3 | 8 | Meningitis | No. Main " |
| " | 23 | Mary Jane Nichols | 58 | 1 | 9 | Ovaritis | " " |

1. Buried at Hingham.
2. " " Scituate
3. " " Duxbury.
4. Buried at Cleveland, O.
5. " " Raynham.
6. " " Forest Hills.
7. Buried at Bridgewater.
8. " " Savin Hill.
9. " " Quincy.

There were forty-seven deaths in the town during 1881, as per list; thirty males and seventeen females. Average age, 36 years 14 days. Three of the number were stillborn; sixteen under five years of age; one between five and ten; one between ten and twenty; five between twenty and thirty; none between thirty and forty; one between forty and fifty; two between fifty and sixty; six between sixty and seventy; five between seventy and eighty; six between eighty and ninety, and one over ninety years of age.

Five bodies were brought into town for interment during the year. Their names, ages, and places of death are as follows:

## DEATHS. — 1881.

| Date of Death. | | NAMES. | Age. | | | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Y. | M. | D. | |
| February | 25 | Job Tower | 79 | 1 | 25 | Boston. |
| March | 3 | Louisa A. Day | 36 | 2 | | " |
| May | 13 | Mary A. Whittier | 64 | 6 | 22 | Braintree. |
| August | 2 | Ida E. Tower | 24 | 5 | 12 | Boston. |
| December | 1 | Emily J. Bates | 5 | 11 | 28 | " |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET.

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*To the School Committee of Cohasset:*

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the Schools in Cohasset for the year about to close. The schools have been conducted harmoniously and successfully. Those in which there has been no change of teachers during the year have been in a good condition, and the pupils in them have made constant and regular progress in learning. In them there has been little friction. The teachers know intimately the dispositions, the capacities and the mental habits of their scholars. They know what their intellectual attainments are, and what were their deficiencies. They can therefore teach them intelligently, and give them the training and instruction which they most need.

In two of the schools there have been changes of teachers, which were of temporary disadvantage to the schools.

The North Grammar School was, during its spring term, under the charge of Miss Pettee. She labored diligently and faithfully for the school, but as she had had no previous experience in teaching before she took charge of the school, and was understood as acting only as a temporary substitute, she failed to secure as good results as might have been expected were the school to be continued for a longer term under her charge. At the beginning of the fall term Miss Bates, who had been absent for two terms, resumed her position as teacher, and is at present conducting the school with her usual success.

In the South Grammar School Miss Mary E. Nichols, who had taught the school for a year, resigned her position before the beginning of the fall term, and Miss Josie Vinal of Scituate was

employed in her place. The change of teachers caused the same temporary disadvantages as in the North School, but Miss Vinal has been learning the capacities and the wants of her pupils, and the requirements of our school system; the school has been improving under her care, a very kind feeling exists between the teacher and her pupils, and the future of the school is full of promise.

The loss which a school almost always suffers temporarily from a change of teachers, emphasizes the importance of retaining teachers in their schools without change as long as they remain competent, faithful, and interested in their work. True teachers are constantly improving. They enlarge their knowledge, correct their errors and mistakes, learn new and better methods of teaching, acquire confidence in themselves, and familiarity with the details of their work. As a consequence they become every year better fitted to teach, and at the same time find greater ease and enjoyment in their work. A teacher who does not take a real interest in the work, and who does not try constantly to improve, is not fitted for the profession, and the sooner he, or she, quits it the better.

A good deal has been said and written, of late, about making the office of teacher permanent during good behavior, or appointing teachers for a term of years. This has been practically the custom in Cohasset, and never, since the school committee have had the appointment of the teachers, has a competent, faithful and successful teacher been removed from a school; or has failed of a re-election when a candidate; and so long as the present system of school management continues, such a case will, probably, never occur.

I have encouraged and urged the teachers to try to prepare themselves to teach better and better; to attend teachers' institutes, to visit other schools, and the State Normal Schools; to read papers and books on teaching; to avail themselves largely of the many valuable books in our public library; and to gain as much knowledge and mental discipline as they can for themselves. I am happy to say that the teachers have not neglected these means of improvement, and that they have shown a sincere desire to prepare themselves for the best work. It is by magnifying their office, by recognizing its dignity and opportunities, by

appreciating the high privilege of being permitted to touch the most delicate springs in the heart of a child, to awaken in his mind and to gratify a love for knowledge, and to aid in bringing into action, exercise and discipline all his powers, that teachers must hope for the highest joy and best success in their work.

Near the close of the schools last year, the teachers were called together, and different committees were appointed to select questions — ten in arithmetic, geography and language each — to be answered by the scholars in the first class of each grammar school, and the first class in each primary school. The questions were properly varied, comprehensive, and such as were fitted to be a fair test of the children's knowledge. We have never had so thorough an examination of the schools before.

Upon the whole the examinations gave satisfactory results. In some schools they were highly creditable, and in others great deficiencies were brought to light. I forbear giving the per centages, for some children may have been classed higher than they ought to have been, may have had greater natural dullness to contend with, or may never have been accustomed to written examinations. In consequence of this examination, and of my personal examinations, I decided that it was best to detain the first class in one of the grammar schools another year.

The primary schools have all been in a good condition. Especial pains have been taken to improve the reading in these shools. In some of them very creditable progress has been made in learning to write, while arithmetic has been carefully taught, and spelling and the use of language have received much attention. The study of Harper's Introductory Geography has been introduced into the primary schools, adding to the variety and interest of the studies.

It has been thought best that the course of study in the primary schools should be lengthened one year. I have accordingly given notice in those schools that no classes will be transferred from them to the grammar schools till a year from the beginning of the next fall term. This arrangement will enable the pupils to acquire much greater fluency in reading before they enter the grammar schools, to complete the Introductory Geography, and to make considerably more progress in arithmetic than at present. This will result in raising the grade of the grammar schools.

Those who enter the High school will be one year older, and better prepared for High school studies; while all the scholars in the grammar schools who complete the prescribed course should be able to complete the study of geography, learn enough arithmetic for the practical purposes of life, and become familiar enough with English grammar to be able to write a letter or a business paper correctly. This prolonged instruction will be of especial benefit to those children whose school education will be completed in the grammar schools.

The High school has never been in a better condition than during the present year. The attendance has been large, and most of the pupils have been very regular in their attendance and interested and faithful in their studies. The closing exercises of the graduating class did great credit to the school. The practice of having public exhibitions in the Town Hall of the graduating classes of all the schools has had an excellent effect in encouraging and stimulating the pupils and in interesting their parents and friends in the schools.

An attempt has been made to have the children of the grammar schools more thoroughly instructed in singing. To accomplish this those belonging to the central schools have come together for an hour every week to the High school rooms, where Mr. Collier has given them systematic and regular lessons in singing.

Owing to the fact that the geographies in use in the schools failed to be satisfactory, and besides were out of print and new copies could not be procured, a change has been made and Harper's Geographies have been introduced into the schools. These books were carefully compared with many others and seemed to have more excellencies and fewer defects, in respect to the wants of our schools, than any others examined. Their cost, also, was very moderate. Their introduction has caused the town some expense, but it was made in what seemed to be the best and most economical way. No change in geographies will be again necessary for many years.

Books for supplementary reading have been introduced into the grammar and primary schools. These books are read by successive classes in the schools; they are exchanged from one school to another, and while they give great variety and increased interest to the reading, they, to a certain extent, lessen the expense of

those who have to buy books for their children. Some few text books also have been put into the schools, which used by successive classes from year to year, have been found of great practical benefit.

The same difficulties with regard to truancy have prevailed as in previous years. It is to be hoped that before another year some provision may be made for the confinement and education of truants which will make it possible to remedy the evil. Of the three truant officers only Mr. Morgan has made a report of his doings for the year. He reports that he made thirty arrests of truant boys, placed them in school, and notified their parents of what he had done. He has made also twenty-four calls on parents who had excused their children for the day. His labors have done much to secure more regular attendance in the Beechwood schools.

The following synopsis gives the names of the teachers who have taught in the different schools during the year, and the largest number of children belonging to each school each term :

| | | Spring Term. | Fall Term. | Winter Term. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| High School, . . . . . | Miss Drusilla Lorthrop, | 67 | 81 | 78 |
| | Mr. Edmund P. Collier, | | | |
| Jerusalem School, . . . . | Miss Annie Fox, . . | 23 | 19 | 16 |
| North Grammar School, . | " Martha A. Bates, | | 24 | 25 |
| | " Ruth C. Pettee, . | 15 | | |
| North Primary School, . . | " Susie L. Stoddard, | 22 | 18 | 20 |
| Centre Grammar School, . | " Annie A. Souther, | 38 | 46 | 45 |
| Centre Primary School, . . | " Lizzie C. Bates, . | 33 | 41 | 41 |
| South Grammar School, . | " Mary E. Nichols, | 34 | | |
| | " Josie Vinal, . . | | 41 | 40 |
| South Primary School, . . | " Myra L. Beal, . | 26 | 21 | 18 |
| Harbor School, . . . . | " Lottie Whittington | 42 | 35 | 33 |
| King Street School, . . . | " Martha B. Bates, | 13 | 16 | 16 |
| Beechwood Grammar School, | Mr. L. Webster Bates, | 24 | 27 | 25 |
| Beechwood Primary School. | Miss Georgiana Bates, | 27 | 34 | 28 |
| | | 364 | 403 | 385 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OSGOOD,

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS IN COHASSET.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Esq.,
REV. GRANVILLE YAGER,
MR. LEVI N. BATES,
} *School Committee.*

The foregoing Report of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and adopted by the School Committee as their Report to the town.

LEVI N. BATES,
GRANVILLE YAGER,
J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
} *School Committee.*

COHASSET, Feb. 15, 1882.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH

# Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF COHASSET

For the Year Ending February 1, 1883.

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,**

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

ALSO, THE

**Doings at the Several Town Meetings,**

Report of the votes cast at the State Election in November, 1882,

AND

**Report of Trustes of Public Library.**

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1882.

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# DOINGS OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET

*At their several meetings held during the year 1882,*

FROM THE TOWN RECORD.

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ANNUAL MEETING, HELD MARCH 6, 1882.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted, to accept the report of the Treasurer and Trustees of the Public Library, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the School Committee and School Committee.

ARTICLE 3. Chose Town Officers as follows: —

*Town Clerk.*

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

*Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

*Surveyors of Highways.*

OLIVER H. BATES, JAMES PETTEE,
THOMAS BATES, AMOS E. TILDEN.

*School Committee for three years.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP.

*Constables.*

Edward E. Wentworth, John Roche, Jr.,
Franklin J. Damon, John E. Groce,
Horatio G. Pratt, James S. Beal.

*Fence Viewers.*

Morgan B. Stetson, J. Foster Doane, Richard Wells.

*Trustees of Public Library for three years.*

Mr. E. P. Collier, Mrs. A. H. Tower, Mrs. E. C. McClintock.

*Field Drivers.*

Amos E. Tilden, Leander W. Groce,
Thomas Bates, Thomas Williams.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

William A. W. Tilden, Newcomb B. Tower.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Edward E. Ellms, Walter S. Beal.

*Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

Nathaniel W. Treat.

*Pound Keeper.*

Isaac H. Young.

Article 4. Voted, that the sum of seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars ($17,700) be raised by taxation.

Voted, that the sum of twenty-four thousand four hundred dollars ($24,400) be appropriated for the following purposes: —

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, . . . . . | $2,000 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . . | 1,500 |
| Discount on Taxes, . . . . . | 1,000 |
| Support of Poor, . . . . . | 5,500 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . . . | $10,000 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . . | $10,000 |
| Support of Schools, repairs of School-houses and Salaries of Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Committee, . | 6,500 |
| Removing Snow, . . . . . | 1,500 |
| Roads and Bridges, . . . . . | 200 |
| Watering Jerusalem Road, . . . | 200 |
| Repairs of Highways, . . . . . | 2,000 |
| Town Officers, . . . . . | 900 |
| Printing, . . . . . | 200 |
| Fire Department, . . . . . | 200 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 400 |
| Nichols Avenue, . . . . . | 2,000 |
| Public Library, . . . . . | 300 |
| Total, . . . . . | $24,400 |

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

Article 5. Voted, that the taxes be collected and paid into the treasury in the same manner as last year, and that the same discounts be allowed as then.

Article 6. Voted, that the report of the Selectmen on Guide-boards be accepted.

Article 7. Voted, that the following list of Jurors be accepted: —

| | |
|---|---|
| Edwin Bates, | Galen James, |
| Allen C. Bates, | Charles L. Kittrell, |
| Thomas A. Bates, | Richard W. Lothrop, |
| Philander Bates, | Louis N. Lincoln, |
| Rufus Bates, Jr., | Caleb Lincoln, |
| William H. Beal, | Frederick L. Lincoln. |

| | |
|---|---|
| Walter S. Beal, | Levi Lincoln, |
| George H. Briggs, | Samuel E. Pratt, |
| Charles G. Crockett, | Robert B. Pratt, |
| Orlando Curtis, | Aaron Pratt, |
| John M. Damon, | Ziba C. Small, |
| J. Foster Doane, | Morgan B. Stetson, |
| Samuel L. Groce, | Andrew J. Souther, |
| George O. Higgins, | Abraham H. Tower, |
| Daniel Hudson, Jr., | Charles H. Willard. |

ARTICLE 8. Voted, that the Selectmen cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed, in the month of February next.

ARTICLE 9. Voted, that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be raised and appropriated for special repairs on Jerusalem road, Hull street, and improvements at Straits Pond.

ARTICLE 10. Voted, that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be raised and appropriated for the improvement of Margin Street.

ARTICLE 11. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be raised and appropriated to raise the road on Beechwood Street, at the foot of the hill, west of the dwelling-house of Francis L. Bates.

ARTICLE 12. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to confer with the Selectmen of Hingham and Hull, in relation to widening the bridge at Straits Pond, and report to the Town at their next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 13. Passed over.

ARTICLE 14. Upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the current year?" it was voted: Yeas, 78; No, 92.

ARTICLE 15. Passed over.

ARTICLE 16. Passed over.

ARTICLE 17. Voted, that the Town petition the County Commissioners of Norfolk County to furnish a truant school in connection with Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable Counties.

ARTICLE 18. Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay the amount needed to purchase the real estate belonging to the proprietors of Straits Pond flats.

ARTICLE 19. Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to make a settlement, at their discretion, with persons receiving assistance from the Town who own real estate in this town.

Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to sell, convey, and give a good quit-claim deed of the Town's interest in the real estate of Philip D. Minot, deceased, now held by the town by deed from said Minot, to the heirs of said Minot, or any other person or persons, upon the payment to the town its claim upon said property.

ARTICLE 20. Voted, that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year be two hundred dollars.

ARTICLE 21. Voted, that a Committee of three persons, consisting of Levi N. Bates, John W. Bates, and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, cause plans and estimates of a Receiving Tomb to be made, prepare a report upon the same, and submit all for their acceptance or rejection, to the town at their next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 22. Voted, that the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars ($550) be raised and appropriated to purchase a Hook and Ladder Truck and apparatus, and to build a house for the same.

Voted, that the customary vote of thanks be extended to the Moderator, for his efficient and acceptable service to the town this day, in presiding over this meeting.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

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COHASSET, MARCH 10, 1882.

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held this day, the following appointments were made for the current year: —

ALLEN C. BATES, Sealer of Weights and Measures.
ALEXANDER T. PROUTY, Weigher of Coal.
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, Fireward.
ZACCHEUS RICH, "
ALDEN BEAL, "
SAMUEL E. PRATT, "
AARON PRATT, Auctioneer.
LOUIS N. LINCOLN, "
J. Q. A. LOTHROP, "

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TOWN MEETING, HELD APRIL 17, 1882.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. Lothrop, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted, that an additional sum of six hundred and fifty dollars ($650) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a Hook and Ladder Truck and apparatus, and for the erection of a suitable building for the same.

Voted, that a Committee of three be chosen by nomination, to purchase a suitable Hook and Ladder Truck and apparatus, locate and supervise the erection or alteration of a building for the safe keeping of the same, and to do all according to their best judgment for the interest of the town.

Chose for the above Committee: Zaccheus Rich, J. Q. A. Lothrop, Newcomb B. Tower.

ARTICLE 3. Voted, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) be raised and appropriated to improve Beechwood Street, from Beechwood Cemetery to foot of hill west of Aaron Pratt's residence, and Church Street from Beechwood Street to house of Harriet J. Apts.

ARTICLE 4. Voted, that the town will accept and allow the laying out by the Selectmen of a Sewer, beginning at a point in the Jerusalem road near the driveway entrance to the estate of Jane M. Hollingsworth, and thence moving northwest through said road and emptying into the ocean through land supposed to belong to the town of Cohasset, as more particularly described in their notice which may be found in the Road-book, page 50, and on a plan by Ernest W. Bowditch, engineer, dated April 1, 1882.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

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## TOWN MEETING, HELD JULY 31, 1882.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. Lothrop, Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted, that in consideration of a conveyance of a parcel of land in said Cohasset, being a portion of the estate of John J. Lothrop, late of Cohasset, deceased, to Abraham H. Tower of said Cohasset, in trust, to apply the income to the support of John J. Lothrop, a son of said deceased, and an insane pauper having his legal settlement in said town, as is provided in said conveyance; this town hereby releases the executors, devisees, and estate of said deceased from all liability to said town for all sums heretofore expended, or which may hereafter be expended by said town for the support of said pauper, and the Selectmen are hereby authorized to cause a formal release to be prepared,

and to execute and deliver the same in the name and behalf of this town.

ARTICLE 3. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to procure for the use of the town, a quantity of second-hand engine hose to be used at the hydrant on Jerusalem road, on the corner of said road and Forest Avenue.

ARTICLE 4. Voted, that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) be appropriated and expended under the direction of the Selectmen, who are hereby duly authorized to expend the same in such manner as they in their judgment may deem expedient, for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire the above-named sum of money, with the approval of the Selectmen, to meet the expense incurred in carrying into effect the vote in relation to the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered to employ special police officers for the above purpose.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

## ELECTION RECORD—NOVEMBER 7, 1882.

### Town of Cohasset.

*Governor.*

Whole number of votes 305.

| | |
|---|---|
| Robert R. Bishop, of Newton, | 173 |
| Benjamin F. Butler, of Lowell, | 119 |
| Charles Almy, of New Bedford, | 13 |

*Lieutenant Governor.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| Oliver Ames, of Easton, | 198 |
| Samuel W. Bowerman, of Pittsfield, | 96 |
| John Blackmer, of Springfield, | 12 |

*Secretary.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, | 198 |
| David N. Skillings, of Winchester, | 96 |
| Solomon F. Root, of Douglas, | 12 |

*Treasurer and Receiver General.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| Daniel A. Gleason, of Medford, | 198 |
| William A. Hodges, of Quincy, | 96 |
| Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton, | 12 |

*Auditor.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, | 198 |
| John P. Sweeney, of Lawrence, | 96 |
| Jonathan Buck, of Harwich, | 12 |

*Attorney General.*

Whole number of votes 306.

| | |
|---|---|
| Edgar J. Sherman, of Lawrence, | 198 |
| George F. Verry, of Worcester, | 96 |
| Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden, | 12 |

*Representative to Congress.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| John D. Long, of Hingham, | 198 |
| Edgar E. Dean, of Brockton, | 96 |
| John W. Willett, of Taunton, | 12 |

*Councillor, District No.* 1.

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| Matthew H. Cushing, of Middleborough, | 198 |
| Sylvanus B. Phinney, of Barnstable, | 96 |
| Edwin Sawtelle, of Brockton, | 12 |

*County Commissioner.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| Jabez Talbot, of Stoughton, | 198 |
| James Mackintosh, of Needham, | 96 |
| Nathan Beal, of Rockland, | 12 |

*County Commissioner to fill vacancy.*

Whole number of votes 294.

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|---|---|
| John Q. A. Field, of Quincy, | 198 |
| Z. L. Bicknell, of Weymouth, | 96 |

*County Treasurer.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| Chauncey C. Churchill, of Dedham, | 198 |
| Joel F. Goodwin, of Hyde Park, | 96 |
| John Morrissey, of Plymouth, | 12 |

*Register of Deeds.*

Whole number of votes 306.

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|---|---|
| John H. Burdakin, of Dedham, | 294 |
| William S. Danforth, of Plymouth, | 12 |

*District Attorney, South-Eastern District.*

Whole number of votes 304.

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|---|---|
| Everett C. Bumpus, of Weymouth, | 184 |
| John F. Simmons, of Hanover, | 108 |
| Everett Bumpus, of Weymouth, | 12 |

*Senator, Second Plymouth District.*

Whole number of votes 306.

| | |
|---|---|
| James S. Allen, of East Bridgewater, | 210 |
| Harvey F. Bird, of Brockton, | 96 |

*Representative to General Court.*

Whole number of votes 303.

| | |
|---|---|
| Louis T. Cushing, of Cohasset, | 210 |
| John M. Damon, " | 80 |

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|---|---|---|
| Thomas P. Ward, | " | 11 |
| Isaac Lincoln, | " | 1 |
| N. B. Tower, | " | 1 |

The vote of the Second Plymouth District, Nov. 7, 1882, for Representative to the General Court, was as follows: —

| | | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Louis T. Cushing, | of Cohasset, | 159 | 115 | 210 | 484 |
| John M. Damon, | " | 181 | 122 | 80 | 383 |
| Thomas P. Ward, | " | 11 | | 11 | 22 |
| Isaac Lincoln, | " | | | 1 | 1 |
| N. B. Tower, | " | 1 | | 1 | 2 |

Louis T. Cushing, of Cohasset, having a plurality of votes, was elected.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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|---|---|---|
| Number of dogs licensed during 1882, | | 106 |
| Male, | 101 | |
| Female, | 5 | |

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| Number of enrolled Militia, May 1, 1882, | 319 |

# FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library respectfully submit their annual report:

A vacancy in the board occurred through the resignation of Mrs. Nichols Tower, and Mrs. W. R. Collier was appointed in her stead. With the exception of three days the Library has been open throughout the year. During this time there have been taken out of the Library 11,312 books, the largest delivery being on February 25th of 204 books; the smallest July 19th, 32. There are registered to date 772 borrowers. During the year 284 volumes have been added to the Library — 146 by donation, 115 by purchase, 23 by binding. Including pamphlets, there are in the Library 3098 volumes.

Gifts of books have been received from Miss Helen Stoddard, Miss B. Hincks, Miss F. H. Nichols, Mr. Waldo Higginson, Mr. W. W. Clapp, Mr. Geo. Dexter, First Parish of Hingham, and the Government.

Of the books taken out during the year 510 have been on History and Biography; 374 Geography and Travels; 85 Religion and Temperance; 53 Science and Art; 8528 Fiction and Juvenile; 136 Literature and Poetry; 73 Agriculture and Horticulture; 1553 Magazines; making a total of 11,312 books taken out.

From an examination of the Treasurer's report, which is appended, it will be seen that there is a small balance due him.

The number of books in the Library now exceeds the shelving capacity, and it will be necessary to put in additional shelves this year. To meet this unusual expense, and carry on the Library the coming year, $400 will be needed, which the Trustees respectfully ask the town to appropriate.

E. POMEROY COLLIER,
*Secretary of the Trustees.*

## Dr. Cohasset Free Public Library in acct. with

1882.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Cash paid Subscription to Magazines, | | $48 26 |
| " " Kerosine, | | 1 68 |
| " " Slips and Covering Paper, | | 4 40 |
| " " Books, | | 130 09 |
| " " Express, | | 8 30 |
| " " Bookbinders' bills, | | 49 63 |
| " " Cleaning Library, | | 3 15 |
| " " Librarian, | | 150 00 |
| | | $395 51 |

## John W. Bates, Treasurer. Cr.

1882.

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|---|---|
| By Balance Acct. Crt., Jan. 31, 1882, | $ 2 82 |
| By Cash Town Appropriation, | 300 00 |
| " One Out-town Borrower, | 1 00 |
| " Proceeds Ellis Concert, | 21 40 |
| " From Levi Tower, Jr., | 5 00 |
| " From Geo. Wright, | 10 00 |
| " Interest on Bank deposit, | 4 02 |
| " Fines, to Jan. 31, 1883, | 25 22 |
| " Sales, Cards, to Jan. 31, 1883, | 7 50 |
| " Sales, Catalogues, to Jan. 31, 1883, | 80 |
| " Annual Subscribers, | 15 00 |
| By Balance due Treasurer, | 2 75 |
| | $395 51 |

E. & O. E. JOHN W. BATES.

COHASSET, Jan. 31, 1883.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1882, | | $2,825 50 |
| Received, Corporation tax, additional 1881, | | 457 25 |
| " " " 1882, | | 4,623 86 |
| " | National Bank tax, " | 1,571 96 |
| " | State Aid, | 363 50 |
| " | Relief of indigent Soldiers and Sailors, | 359 00 |
| " | Support of Paupers, | 61 00 |
| " | Income of Massachusetts School Fund, | 190 79 |
| " | Norfolk County dog licenses, | 182 10 |
| " | James Dady, support of wife, 1881, | 177 51 |
| " | Town of Rockland, support of C. McCarty, | 67 37 |
| " | Town of Hingham, support of M. Gardner, | 78 00 |
| " | So. Scituate, account, | 113 42 |
| " | Lothrop legacy and interest on note, | 256 53 |
| " | Contributions for building Nichols Ave., | 500 00 |
| " | Sale of Straits Pond flats, | 846 00 |
| " | Subscriptions towards watering Jerusalem road, | 230 00 |
| " | From office and house rent, | 116 65 |
| " | Income of Town Hall, | 48 50 |
| " | " of Ripley Fund, | 52 50 |
| " | Pedler's license, | 8 00 |
| " | Bourne & Nickerson, Almshouse account, | 23 12 |
| " | Sales from Almshouse and board of horse, | 141 31 |
| " | Interest on deposits and other items, | 143 68 |
| " | Non-residents, schooling, | 16 00 |
| " | Hired money in anticipation of taxes, | 18,700 00 |
| " | Tax list for 1882, | 25,145 02 |
| | | $57,298 57 |

## State Aid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1879.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . | $48 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, . . . | 72 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . | 48 00 | |
| Harriet J. Apts, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . | 36 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, . . . | 36 00 | |
| Thomas D. Blossom, . . . | 3 00 | |
| | | $339 00 |
| Reimbursed by the State, . . . . . | | 336 00 |

## Military Aid under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Munnies, . . . . | $96 00 | |
| Oliver Henderson, . . . | 168 00 | |
| James Rooney, Jr., . . . | 72 00 | |
| Peter E. Ainslie, . . . . | 18 00 | |
| Charles H. Williston, . . . | 18 00 | |
| John G. Hayden, . . . | 66 00 | |
| Andrew J. Studley, . . . | 18 00 | |
| William F. Harris, Jr., . . | 65 00 | |
| | | $521 00 |
| Total amount of State and Military Aid, . . | | 860 00 |
| Amount reimbursed by the State, . . . . | | 596 50 |

## Repairs on Highways.

JAMES PETTEE, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and teams, . | $82 91 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . | 64 50 | |
| Richard H. Priest, " " . | 47 47 | |
| William Mulvey, " " . | 44 50 | |
| McCuin & Davis, " " . | 15 00 | |
| John N. Cook, labor, . . | 13 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $267 88 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | - - | $267 88 | |
| Paid John Roach, | labor, . . | 18 25 | |
| John H. Cook, | " . . | 4 50 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, | " . . | 58 87 | |
| Eben James, | " . . | 28 50 | |
| Edward W. Merritt, | " . . | 50 25 | |
| David P. Beal, | " . . | 14 25 | |
| Thomas Reidy, | " . . | 18 25 | |
| Frank Silva, | " . . | 6 00 | |
| John Doland, | " . . | 7 50 | |
| Thomas Roach, smithing, | . . | 75 | |
| | | | $475 00 |

THOMAS BATES, Surveyor.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates, | labor and team, . | $179 31 | |
| Willliam Mulvey, | " " . | 15 00 | |
| Joseph Smith, | " " . | 7 50 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, | " " . | 15 00 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, | labor, . . | 8 25 | |
| Eben James, | " . . | 6 75 | |
| William Bates, | " . . | 8 25 | |
| Abner Bates, | " . . | 6 75 | |
| Nathaniel Prouty, | " . . | 4 50 | |
| John Barnes, | " . . | 8 50 | |
| Jesse T. Barnes, | " . . | 8 50 | |
| Edward W. Merritt, | " . . | 8 50 | |
| John R. Colbrith, | " . . | 6 00 | |
| John N. Cook, | " . . | 11 00 | |
| Daniel Reidy, | " . . | 6 00 | |
| Thomas Reidy, | " . . | 5 25 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, | " . . | 19 50 | |
| John Dowdy, | " . . | 75 | |
| Ezekiel James, | " . . | 6 00 | |
| Azel W. Drake, | " . . | 35 61 | |
| Edward E. Tower, | gravel, . . | 47 48 | |
| Thomas Bates, | " . . | 10 60 | |
| | | | $425 00 |

AMOS E. TILDEN, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, . | $65 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " . | 16 50 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 28 00 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " " . | 26 50 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, " " . | 5 00 | |
| Rufus Bates, Jr., " " . | 6 00 | |
| Michael O'Connell, labor, . . | 21 00 | |
| Antone J. Silva, " . . | 8 25 | |
| Antone L. Joseph, " . . | 27 00 | |
| William Enos, " . . | 47 00 | |
| Daniel Desmond, " . . | 8 00 | |
| Michael Brennock, " . . | 26 99 | |
| George Taylor, " . . | 13 40 | |
| William Brennock, " . . | 18 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, " . . | 64 74 | |
| Manuel Silva, " . . | 9 00 | |
| George M. Ennice, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Antone Sidney, " . . | 1 50 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 18 62 | |
| William St. Johns, " . . | 27 00 | |
| Joseph E. Frates, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Henry Snow, stones, . . . | 2 50 | |
| | | $450 00 |

OLIVER H. BATES, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Oliver H. Bates, labor and teams, | $91 18 | |
| Ira B. Pratt, " " . | 14 75 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " " . | 18 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, " " . | 12 00 | |
| Thomas Williams, " " . | 15 00 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, " " . | 15 33 | |
| Levi Lincoln, " " . | 14 00 | |
| John W. Bates, " " . | 15 00 | |
| Joseph W. Whitcomb, " " . | 16 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $211 26 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $211 26 | |
| Paid Wm. T. Whitcomb, " " . | 9 00 | |
| Lot Bates, " " . | 12 00 | |
| William N. Damon, " " . | 9 00 | |
| Manuel Silva, " " . | 7 25 | |
| Franklin Stoddard, " " . | 7 50 | |
| Timothy L. Burbank, " " . | 8 83 | |
| William O. Souther, " " . | 6 00 | |
| Samuel G. James, " " . | 7 56 | |
| Galen James & Sons, " " . | 19 72 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, " " . | 5 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, labor, . . | 3 00 | |
| Edwin W. Bates, " . . | 9 75 | |
| Benjamin H. Crane, " . . | 1 50 | |
| Arthur S. Bates, " . . | 6 00 | |
| Charles L. Curtis, " . . | 7 50 | |
| Henry Morris, " . . | 6 00 | |
| L. Lincoln Wheelwright, labor, . | 6 75 | |
| Joseph Silva, " . | 5 42 | |
| Samuel Hardwick, " . | 6 75 | |
| Charles H. Williston, " . | 2 17 | |
| John Murphy, " . | 4 42 | |
| William H. Bates, Jr., " . | 2 42 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, " . | 1 50 | |
| George F. Munnies, " . | 1 50 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, gravel, . . . | 22 60 | |
| John Souther, " . . . | 9 60 | |
| | | $400 00 |

SELECTMEN, Surveyors.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, | $50 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 38 75 | |
| Joseph Jacinto, " " . | 37 25 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 22 12 | |
| Antone Sidney, " . . | 18 37 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $166 49 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $166 49 | |
| Paid Joseph Jacinto, Jr., " . . | 15 37 | |
| Henry Brennock, " . . | 16 87 | |
| Alex. W. Hayden, stock and labor, | 1 75 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 19 37 | |
| Oliver H. Bates, labor and team, . | 6 00 | |
| Franklin Stoddard, " " . | 9 00 | |
| Thomas Williams, labor, . . | 75 | |
| David Stoddard, " . . | 3 00 | |
| John Murphy, " . . | 75 | |
| Henry Morris, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Wm. T. Whitcomb, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 12 54 | |
| Samuel Nichols, blasting, . . | 25 50 | |
| | | $283 39 |
| Amount expended on highways, . . . . | | 2,033 39 |
| " appropriated on " . . . . | | 2,000 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | $33 39 |

## Roads and Bridges.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Alex. W. Hayden, South School lot, | $10 50 | |
| Charles J. Fox, Atlantic Avenue, | 22 00 | |
| Henry Snow, S. M. street, . . | 3 62 | |
| Geo. M. Ennice, labor, . . | 3 00 | |
| Manual Gracia, labor, . . . | 4 50 | |
| Thomas Gracia, " . . . | 4 50 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, etc., . | 6 88 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber etc., . | 24 28 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, sidewalks, . . . . | 36 75 | |
| Mannual S. Leonard, labor and teams, sidewalks, . . . | 13 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | | $129 53 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $129 53 | |
| Paid Joseph Jacinto, labor and teams, sidewalks, . . . . | 13 50 | |
| George Taylor, labor, sidewalks, . | 11 25 | |
| William Brennock, labor, sidewalks, | 16 50 | |
| Antone Sidney, " " | 15 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, " " | 3 00 | |
| Michael Brennock, " " | 2 25 | |
| Manuel Silva, " " | 3 00 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel and stone, sidewalks, . . . . | 3 90 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 8 52 | |
| Isaac S. Pratt, labor and team, 1880, . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 1 50 | |
| Manuel Silva, labor, . . . | 1 50 | |
| Antone Sidney, labor, . . . | 2 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, labor and team, | 5 00 | |
| William St. John, labor, . . | 9 00 | |
| | | $228 45 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Exceeded approprtation, . . . . . | | $28 45 |

## Special Repairs on Streets.

### Jerusalem Road and Hull Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and team, . | $147 81 | |
| John Bates 2d, " " . | 80 50 | |
| William Mulvey, " " . | 22 50 | |
| Matthew Mulvey, labor and team, | 27 25 | |
| Alden Beal, " " | 20 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " | 20 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " | 27 50 | |
| John N. Cook, labor, . . . | 40 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $386 06 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $386 06 | |
| Paid Manuel Gracia, " . . . | 28 00 | |
| Thomas Gracia, " . . . | 29 00 | |
| Edward W. Merritt, labor, . . | 43 50 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . | 44 25 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., " . . | 24 50 | |
| David P. Beal, " . . | 8 25 | |
| John Doland, " . . | 50 25 | |
| Thomas F. Reidy, " . . | 39 25 | |
| Richard H. Priest, " . . | 1 50 | |
| Thomas Roach, smithing, . . | 24 45 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, etc., . | 9 45 | |
| James Cushing, use of derrick, . | 10 00 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 2 92 | |
| Richard Wells, " . . | 15 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 5 12 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, etc, . | 86 98 | |
| Richard H. Priest, gravel, . . | 4 00 | |
| Frank M. Nichols, smithing, . . | 8 50 | |
| Alfred Beal, care of gate and labor, | 55 25 | |
| Alden Beal, labor and team, . . | 17 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, lanterns, etc., . . | 2 69 | |
| Hingham Water Co., . . . | 25 00 | |
| Goodhue & Birney, hydrant, . | 50 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Philander Bates, . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, . . . . | 10 00 | |
| | | $1,001 42 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 1,000 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | $ 1 42 |

MARGIN STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and team, | $85 00 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " | 12 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " | 45 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $142 00 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $142 00 | |
| Paid Joseph Jacinto, " " | 48 50 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " | 65 00 | |
| George Taylor, labor, . . . | 22 12 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 4 50 | |
| William Brennock, " . . | 22 50 | |
| Michael Brennock, " . . | 21 75 | |
| William Enos, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Antone L. Joseph, " . . | 14 25 | |
| Manuel Silva, " . . | 24 75 | |
| Michael O'Connell, " . . | 4 50 | |
| Manuel Antone, " . . | 18 00 | |
| Antone Sidney, " . . | 21 75 | |
| Charles F. Bennett, posts, . . | 4 00 | |
| C. James Pratt, gravel and stones, | 27 32 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 5 38 | |
| Michael N. Brennock, labor, . . | 3 75 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 60 08 | |
| | | $515 40 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 500 00 |
| Exceeded appropriation, . . . . . | | $15 40 |

BEECHWOOD STREET.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Oliver H. Bates, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 36 46 | |
| Edwin Bates, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 14 50 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 15 25 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 8 00 | |
| Franklin Stoddard, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 15 12 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 4 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $93 33 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $93 33 | |
| Paid Levi Lincoln, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 8 00 | |
| Horace J. Damon, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 3 00 | |
| John W. Bates, 2d, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Thomas Williams, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Ira. B. Pratt, labor and team, (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Joseph Silva, labor (Bates' Hill), | 2 25 | |
| Henry Morris, " " | 12 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, " " | 9 00 | |
| Elbridge G. Bates, labor, " | 6 00 | |
| Eben James, " " | 7 50 | |
| Levi L. Minot, " " | 3 00 | |
| Samuel Hardwick, " " | 3 00 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, gravel, " | 3 40 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, etc., (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 5 43 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, (Bates' Hill), . . . . . | 3 92 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber. etc., (Bates' Hill), . . . . | 3 67 | |
| Thomas Lincoln, posts, (Bates' Hill), . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Lot Bates, posts, (Bates' Hill), . | 5 00 | |
| Timothy L. Burbank, slabs, (Bates' Hill), . . . . . | 50 | |
| Thomas A. Bates, labor, (Bates' Hill), . . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Franklin Stoddard, labor, (Bates' Hill), . . . . . | 5 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward.* - - | ——— | $198 00 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $198 00 | | |
| Paid Thomas A. Bates, damages, (Bates' Hill), . . . . . | 2 00 | | |
| William W. Bates, labor at corners, | 85 | | |
| George W. Pratt, " " | 8 50 | | |
| Horace J. Damon, " " | 4 50 | | |
| Lawrence McGough, " " | 13 63 | | |
| John L. McGough, " " | 7 93 | | |
| Frank Frates, " " | 8 66 | | |
| Joseph Frates, " " | 7 75 | | |
| Horatio G. Pratt, " " | 1 83 | | |
| Caleb Lincoln, " " | 5 00 | | |
| Foster Litchfield, " " | 75 | | |
| Alson Ainslie, " " | 75 | | |
| George A. Litchfield, " " | 4 50 | | |
| Elmer E. Bates, " " | 3 00 | | |
| Silas Litchfield, " " | 3 00 | | |
| Harvey Morris, " " | 75 | | |
| A. Bradford Litchfield, " " | 3 31 | | |
| George F. Sargent, " " | 6 00 | | |
| Isaac S. Pratt, " " | 1 50 | | |
| Ira B. Pratt, " " | 2 25 | | |
| Charles B. Wood, " " | 3 00 | | |
| Samuel V. Hardwick, " " | 1 50 | | |
| Aaron Pratt, " " | 28 36 | | |
| John E. Kinslie, " " | 1 50 | | |
| John H. Morgan, " " | 19 71 | | |
| Daniel B. Francis, " " | 1 25 | | |
| Austin Lincoln, " " | 1 50 | | |
| Manuel Silva, " " | 2 25 | | |
| Hiram Litchfield, " " | 3 00 | | |
| George Pratt, " " | 3 75 | | |
| | | $350 28 | |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 350 00 | |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | | .28 |

### Nichols Avenue.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Nichols, labor and teams, | $70 00 | |
| Manuel E. Brazill, labor, . . | 3 00 | |
| Matthew Mulhern, " . . | 10 50 | |
| John Roach, " . . | 10 50 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, Jr., " . . | 12 00 | |
| George Taylor, " . . | 9 75 | |
| John Doland, " . . | 12 00 | |
| James Dalton, " . . | 9 00 | |
| Thomas Gracia, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Manuel Gracia, " . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, iron posts, etc., | 14 14 | |
| Andrew C. Wheelright, gravel, . | 120 50 | |
| | | $277 39 |
| Amount paid last year, . . . . . | | 2,293 06 |
| Total cost of the road, . . . . . | | $2,570 45 |
| Amount received by contributions, . . . | | 500 00 |
| Total cost to the Town, . . . . . | | $2,070 45 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 2,000 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | $70 45 |

### Watering Jerusalem Raad.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid McCuin & Davis, watering, . . | $750 50 | |
| " " repairing pump, | 4 50 | |
| Charles L. Kittrell, labor on pump, 1881, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Charles L. Kittrell, labor on pump, 1882, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse-hire, . . | 5 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $783 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount of appropriation, . . . | $200 00 | |
| Amount of subscription, . . . | 230 00 | |
| Amount unexpended 1881, . . . | 45 64 | |
| | | $475 64 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | $307 36 |

## Removing Snow.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates and others, . . | $276 59 | |
| Amos E. Tilden " . . | 344 00 | |
| Oliver H. Bates " . . | 222 50 | |
| James Pettee, " . . | 197 50 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden " . . | 185 95 | |
| Alden Beal " . . | 46 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt " . . | 89 95 | |
| William O. Souther " . . | 25 65 | |
| Patrick Downs, . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, plows, . . | 14 70 | |
| | | $1,406 84 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 1,500 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | 93 16 |

## Fire Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William W. Studley, steward, . | $30 00 | |
| Isaac H. Tower, steward to May 1, 1883, . . . . . | 30 00 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., chimneys, &c., | 3 22 | |
| Hunneman & Co., repairs, . . | 1 00 | |
| Beal's Express, . . . . | 4 25 | |
| 38 firemen, poll taxes, . . . | 76 00 | |
| Andrew H. Prouty, poll tax, 1880, | 2 10 | |
| John W. Brennock, watching, . | 3 00 | |
| Henry Brennock, " . | 3 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $152 57 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $152 57 | |
| Paid Charles V. Barnes, " . | 3 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse to fire, . | 1 50 | |
| Frank M. Nichols, wrench for hydrants, . . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, funnel, &c., . . | 3 82 | |
| C. A. Gross & Co., refreshments, . | 4 61 | |
| James S. Beal, labor on hose carriage, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Old Colony Railroad, freight on hose carriage, . . . . . | 1 44 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, teaming, . . | 3 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, soap and soda, . | 50 | |
| Almshouse, stove, . . . | 5 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, expenses on hose, | 5 00 | |
| | | $185 94 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| " unexpended, less stove, Almshouse, . | | 19 06 |

## Printing.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. M. A. Twitchell, reports, . | $150 86 | |
| M. B. Tower, notices and warrants, | 49 00 | |
| | | $199 86 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 200 00 |

## School Appropriation.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treasurer, for teaching, . | $5,700 00 |
| " " . " repairs on houses, | 800 00 |
| " " " income Sch'l Fund, | 190 79 |
| " " " dog licenses, . | 182 10 |
| " " " Ripley Fund, . | 52 50 |
| " " " Sch'l non-resid'ts, | 16 00 |
| | $6,941 39 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount of appropriation, . . . | $6,500 00 | |
| " received otherwise, . . | 441 39 | |
| | | $6,941 39 |

School Books.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, . . . . . | | $68 83 |
| Amount in tax bill, . . . . . | $48 18 | |
| " paid by town, . . . . . | 20 65 | |
| | | $68 83 |

## State and County Taxes.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, . . . . . | $2,560 00 |
| County Tax, . . . . . | 1,527 62 |
| | $4,087 62 |
| Amount assessed on the estates, . . . . | $4,087 62 |

## Town Hall.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Dorchester Mutual Fire Ins. Co., . | $37 50 | |
| Merchants' and Farmers' F. " . | 22 50 | |
| Home, N. Y. " " . | 43 75 | |
| Samuel Bates, on stoves, . . | 9 75 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, meetings, &c., . | 16 00 | |
| | | $129 50 |
| Amount received for use of hall, . . . . | | 48 50 |
| " paid by town, . . . . . | | $81 00 |

## Public Library.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John W. Bates, Treasurer, . . . . . | $300 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | 300 00 |

## Abatement of Taxes.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1877, . . . . | $10 78 | |
| " " " 1878, . . . . | 19 77 | |
| " " " 1879, . . . . | 29 39 | |
| " " " 1880, . . . . | 2 46 | |
| " " " 1882, . . . . | 438 10 | |
| | | $500 50 |

No appropriation.

## Interest and Discount.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid interest on debt, . . . . . | $1,593 33 |
| Discount on taxes, . . . . . | 1,054 32 |
| | $2,647 65 |
| Amount appropriated for interest, . . . | 1,500 00 |
| " " " discount, . . . | 1,000 00 |
| " received for interest on deposits, &c., . | 143 68 |
| | $2,643 68 |
| Exceeded appropriation and income, . . . | $3 97 |

## Hired Money.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount of money hired, per votes, . . . | $18,700 00 |
| " " " paid, . . . . | 18,750 00 |
| paid over the amount hired, . . . | $50 00 |

## Debt.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount paid of the debt, . . . . . | $2,000 00 |
| " appropriated for debt, . . . . | 2,000 00 |

## Straits Pond Flats.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Quincy Bicknell, Treasurer, . . . | | $2,000 00 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . . | | 8 00 |
| Philander Bates, " . . . | | 8 00 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | | 8 00 |
| | | $2,024 00 |
| Amount received from Quincy Bicknell, | $846 00 | |
| " due " " " | 24 00 | |
| | | 870 00 |
| Amount paid bp the town for the Flats, . . | | $1,154 00 |

## Expenses on Liquor Cases.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Andrew H. Prouty and others, services and expenses, . . . | $34 45 | |
| John H. Morgan, services, . . | 15 00 | |
| Edw. E. Wentworth, " . . | 15 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " . . | 15 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, " . . | 8 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 8 00 | |
| | | $93 45 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| " unexpended, . . . . . | | 106 55 |

## Town Officers.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, | $202 70 | |
| Philander Bates, Selectman and Assessor, . . - . . | 140 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, Selectman and Assessor, . . . . . | 170 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | | $512 70 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $512 70 | |
| Paid A. H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector, . . . . . | 200 00 | |
| N. B. Tower, Town Clerk, . . | 35 00 | |
| Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| John Roach, Jr., Constable for 1881 and 1882, . . . . . | 29 00 | |
| Horatio G. Pratt, Constable, . . | 15 20 | |
| John E. Groce, " . . | 25 00 | |
| Edward E. Wentworth, Constable, . | 20 00 | |
| James S. Beal, Constable, . . | 15 00 | |
| | | $901 90 |
| Amount of appropriation, . . . . . | | 900 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . | | $1 90 |

## Miscellaneous.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Solomon J. Hayden, distributing reports, . | $4 00 |
| William J. Brennock, flag-staff, . . . | 3 50 |
| Charles F. Tilden, " . . . | 65 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., Manilla for flag-staff, . | 1 26 |
| John H. Burdakin, copy of records, . . | 21 50 |
| Ann Thomas, cleaning offices, . . . | 4 00 |
| Andrew H. Prouty, night watchman, . . | 62 00 |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, " " . . | 62 00 |
| John Roach, Jr., " " . . | 52 00 |
| C. W. S. Seymoure, Surveying, . . . | 5 00 |
| C. A. Gross & Co., stationery and postage, . | 28 19 |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs on hearse, . . | 1 25 |
| Samuel D. Tower, " " . . | 23 50 |
| Beals' Express, . . . . . | 16 45 |
| Weymouth Iron Co., alewives, . . . | 9 75 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - - | $295 05 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | | $295 05 |
| Paid McCuin & Davis, casting alewives, | | 19 00 |
| Horace J. Damon, labor on alewives, | | 3 00 |
| Thomas Lincoln, " " | | 3 00 |
| Lot W. Bates, " " | | 2 00 |
| Henry Morris, " " | | 1 00 |
| Arthur S. Bates, " " | | 1 00 |
| Joseph P. Lyons, " " | | 1 00 |
| George W. Conley, " " | | 1 00 |
| Samuel Bates, pumps and lockup, | | 11 25 |
| Zaccheus Rich, return of deaths, | | 8 25 |
| C. W. Sparrell, " " | | 2 50 |
| Newcomb B. Tower, registry of marriages, births and deaths, | | 39 65 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of lockup and tramps, | | 15 00 |
| Joseph Smith, care of an old lady, | | 3 00 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock and ringing bell, | | 30 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, Selectmen, | | 28 50 |
| " " " Assessors, | | 6 00 |
| " " " Treasurer, | | 2 50 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., hardware Minot House, | | 90 |
| Frank Fisher, labor on street, 1879, | | 1 50 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, Town lines, | | 4 00 |
| Philander Bates, " | | 4 00 |
| | | $483 10 |
| Amount of appropriation, | 400 00 | |
| received for rent of offices, | 60 00 | |
| " " " Minot House, | 7 15 | |
| | | $467 15 |
| Exceeded appropriation and rents, | | 15 95 |
| | | $483 10 |

## Recapitulation.

| | |
|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury and Receipts, | $57,298 57 |
| To State and Military Aid, | $860 00 |
| Repairs on Highways, | 2,033 39 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 228 45 |
| Special Repairs, Jerusalem Road, | 1,001 42 |
| " " Margin Street, | 515 40 |
| " " Beechwood Street, | 350 28 |
| Nichols Avenue, | 277 39 |
| Watering Jerusalem Road, | 783 00 |
| Removing Snow, | 1,406 84 |
| Fire Department, | 180 94 |
| Printing, | 199 86 |
| School Appropriations, | 6,941 39 |
| School Books, | 68 83 |
| State and County Tax, | 4,087 62 |
| Town Hall, | 129 50 |
| Public Library, | 300 00 |
| Abatement of Taxes, | 500 50 |
| Interest and Discount, | 2,647 65 |
| Payment of hired money, | 18,750 00 |
| " " Debt, | 2,000 00 |
| Straits Pond flats, | 2,024 00 |
| Liquor Prosecutions, | 93 45 |
| Town Officers, | 901 90 |
| Miscellaneous, | 483 10 |
| Overseers of the Poor, | 7,395 53 |
| | $54,160 44 |
| Balance in Treasury, | $3,138 13 |
| | $57,298 57 |

## Financial Condition of the Town,

FEBRUARY 1, 1883.

FUNDED DEBT. (Issue of May 1, 1876.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abraham H. Tower, Est., Note due 1883, . . | | $1,000 00 |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, 7 Notes, due 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, . . . . . | | 7,000 00 |
| | | $8,000 00 |

(Issue of April 15, 1878.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel E. Pratt, Note due 1883, . | $500 00 | | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " 1883, . | 300 00 | | |
| Alfred Whittington, " 1883, . | 200 00 | | |
| James Wilson, " 1884, . | 1,000 00 | | |
| James W. Nichols, " 1885, . | 1,000 00 | | |
| Ira B. Pratt, " 1886, . | 500 00 | | |
| W. W. Clapp, " 1886, . | 500 00 | | |
| James W. Nichols, " 1887, . | 1,000 00 | | |
| W. W. Clapp, 3 Notes, due 1888, 1889 and 1890, . . . . . | 3,000 00 | | |
| | | $8,000 00 | |

DEMAND NOTES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Martha T. Bates, . . . | $1,000 00 | |
| A. H. Tower, Trustee for John J. Lothrop, . . . . . | 3,700 00 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank, . . . | 3,000 00 | |
| | | $7,700 00 |
| | | $23,700 00 |

## Assets of the Town, Feb. 1, 1883.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due from State, for State and Military Aid, | | $650 50 |
| " for State paupers, | | 95 50 |
| Town of Scituate, | | 14 00 |
| " Hingham, | | 112 00 |
| " Rockland, | | 14 21 |
| " Weymouth, | | 65 29 |
| James Dady, | | 180 92 |
| Town of Hull, | | 17 00 |
| Mary J. Enos, | | 350 00 |
| Sarah C. Koop, | | 432 00 |
| Mary L. Mendoca, | | 400 00 |
| Thomas J. Sheridan, | | 17 55 |
| Philip D. Minot, Estate, | | 300 00 |
| Galen James, | | 3 75 |
| Ezekiel James, | | 20 00 |
| Subscription for water'g Jerusalem Road, | | 70 00 |
| Balance in Treasury, Cash, | $1,392 38 | |
| " " Taxes, | 1,745 75 | |
| | | 3,138 13 |
| | | $5,880 85 |
| Amount of Interest-bearing Debt, | | $23,700 00 |
| " of Assets, | | 5,880 85 |
| " of Actual Debt, | | $17,819 15 |
| Amount of Actual Debt, Feb. 1, 1882, | | $20,235 79 |
| " " " in 1883, | | 17,819 15 |
| Decrease of " " " | | $2,416 64 |
| Decrease of Interest-bearing Debt in 1882, | | $2,050 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1882, | $1,818 47 |
| Paid W. W. Bates, groceries, &c., | 92 15 |
| James Brothers, " | 99 59 |
| Herbert L. Brown, groceries, | 152 12 |
| Herbert A. Tilden, " | 81 54 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., " | 178 01 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " | 78 90 |
| Gross & Nichols, " | 200 08 |
| Lot W. Bates, " | 96 87 |
| Samuel P. Stoddard, " | 18 24 |
| Elmer E. Bates, " | 64 99 |
| W. S. Dunbar, " | 105 39 |
| David B. Tower, " | 1 14 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, | 496 95 |
| William F. Thayer, " | 168 55 |
| Daniel Sylvester, fish, | 112 09 |
| Frances H. Nichols, dry goods, | 94 66 |
| George H. Briggs, grain, | 56 39 |
| John Weatherbee, " | 56 74 |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., clothing, | 21 15 |
| L. W. Cook " | 68 26 |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, | 82 63 |
| Richard Wells, wheels and pole, | 30 00 |
| Zaccheus Rich, burial of J. P. Wheelwright, | 18 00 |
| C. F. B. Tilden, team " " | 2 50 |
| Frank W. Brown, medicine, | 16 10 |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance (82.83), | 14 00 |
| G. P. Pratt, " " | 10 00 |
| Timothy L. Burbank, sawing lumber, | 7 57 |
| Thomas Beal, harnesses and repairs, | 100 60 |
| *Amount carried forward.* | $4343 68 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $4343 68 |
| Paid N. H. Wood, refrigerator, | 12 00 |
| Lot W. Bates, digging graves, | 6 00 |
| Cyrus R. Keene, trees, | 30 62 |
| Bela Stoddard, labor and stock, | 10 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, | 4 95 |
| Samuel G. James, pasture and labor, | 8 50 |
| Mass. Ploughman, | 2 65 |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairs, | 4 00 |
| Beal's Express, | 15 95 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, repairs Mendoca house, | 6 85 |
| A. L. Sherburne, salt grass, | 9 00 |
| Hyde, Dickinson & Howe, Lothrop case, | 77 80 |
| Philander Bates, boots, shoes and repairs, | 35 95 |
| Samuel Bates, tin ware, &c., | 34 79 |
| William O. Souther, ice, | 11 43 |
| Edward E. Wentworth, smithing and sled, | 89 70 |
| Thomas Bates, hay and apples, | 34 10 |
| Tower Bro. & Co., coal and lumber, | 46 29 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, | 11 00 |
| Isaac H. Young, | 295 88 |
| " " sundry bills, | 9 00 |
| Mary Creig, services, | 105 00 |
| Nettie Wiled, " | 6 00 |
| Nellie McClaren, " | 18 00 |
| Katie McEchren, " | 18 00 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, in Lothrop case, | 10 75 |
| Overseers of the Poor, | 70 00 |
| | $5,327 89 |

## Stock at Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1883.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Horses, | $275 00 | 1 Sewing Machine, | 35 00 |
| 1 Cow, | 50 00 | 1 Refrigerator, | 12 00 |
| 1 two-year-old, | 35 00 | Stoves and Fixtures, | 55 00 |
| 3 yearlings, | 37 00 | Crockery and Glassware, | 22 00 |
| 3 Hogs, | 30 00 | Cutlery, Spoons, &c., | 20 00 |
| 15 Hens, | 11 25 | Wooden Ware, | 22 00 |
| 4 Turkeys, | 7 00 | Tin, Earthen and Stoneware, | 30 00 |
| 1 Express Wagon, | 40 00 | Casks and Barrels, | 10 00 |
| 1 Farm Wagon, | 75 00 | Grain and Bags, | 6 00 |
| Set of Wheels and Pole, | 25 00 | 75 bushels Corn, | 67 50 |
| 1 Horse Cart, | 25 00 | 100 " Potatoes, | 90 00 |
| 1 Pung, | 38 00 | 3 " Beets, | 1 50 |
| 1 Two-horse Sled, | 70 00 | 3 " Turnips, | 1 50 |
| 3 Plows, | 25 00 | 1 ton Mangolds, | 12 00 |
| 1 Cultivator, | 5 50 | 10 dozen Cabbage, | 7 50 |
| 1 Horse Rake, | 7 00 | 1 1-2 bbls. Apples, | 4 50 |
| 1 Drag, | 5 00 | 1 bbl. Flour, | 8 00 |
| 1 Harrow, | 10 00 | 60 gals. Vinegar, | 15 00 |
| 1 Sett Double Harness, | 90 00 | 60 lbs. Fresh Beef, | 9 00 |
| 2 Cart Harnesses, | 20 00 | 200 " Salt Beef, | 20 00 |
| 1 Lead Harness, | 6 00 | 400 " Salt Pork, | 50 00 |
| 1 Wagon Harness, | 10 00 | 100 " Hams, | 14 00 |
| Robes and Blankets, | 4 00 | 60 " Lard, | 7 80 |
| 1 Wheelbarrow, | 6 00 | 15 " Butter, | 5 25 |
| Carpenter's Tools, | 4 00 | Groceries, | 35 00 |
| Farming Tools, | 25 00 | 1 ton Coal, | 8 50 |
| Chains, &c., | 10 00 | 15 cords Hard Wood, | 90 00 |
| Drills, Hammers, &c., | 20 00 | 1 cord Trash, | 3 00 |
| Saws and Axes, | 10 00 | 6 tons English Hay, | 132 00 |
| 1 Grindstone, | 10 00 | 6 " Salt Hay, | 60 00 |
| Paint, Oil and Brushes, | 3 50 | 2 " Corn Fodder, | 14 00 |
| Household Furniture, | 350 00 | Lot of Manure, | 125 00 |
| | | | $2,332 30 |

## Account of Sales and Income.

| | |
|---|---|
| By Lewis L. Wheelwright, poultry, . . . . | $11 00 |
| Ezekiel L. James, turkeys and milk, . . | 66 60 |
| J. A. Wolf, " . . . . . | 7 50 |
| E. G. Stewart, " and pigs, . . . | 7 50 |
| M. B. Stetson, pigs, . . . . . | 7 00 |
| C. Beals, " . . . . . | 3 00 |
| E. Studley, turnips, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Isaac H. Young, board of horses, &c., . . | 52 47 |
| Stove Engine-house, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| John J. Lothrop, Est., legacy, . . . | 200 00 |
| A. H. Tower, Trustee for J. J. Lothrop, . . | 56 53 |
| Income from Mendoca house, . . . . . | 49 50 |
| | $470 10 |

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|---|---|---|
| Amount of Stock on hand, . . . | $2,332 30 | |
| " of Sales and Income, . . . | 470 10 | |
| | | $2,802 40 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Debit brought forward, . . . . . | $5,327 89 |
| Credit " " . . . . . | 2,802 40 |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, . . . | $2,525 49 |

Expenses of inmates at Almshouse for 717 weeks, at $3.52 156-717 per week, amounts to . . $2,525 49

Amount per week to be charged to the Trustee for the support of John J. Lothrop is $3.75 472-717 per week, from the date of the notes held by the Trustee, the income of $3,700 at 5 per cent., payable to Overseers of the Poor for the support of John J. Lothrop in the Almshouse during his life.

The following persons remain in the Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1882: —

Elizabeth Hudson,
Jane B. Lambert,
Augusta Silva,
Mary L. Mendoca,
Frances C. George,
Antone George,
William T. Stewart,
John J. Lothrop,
William C. Hayden,
David Vinal,
Benjamin Everett,
Robert Williams,
Joseph W. Pratt.

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## Support and Relief of Persons outside of Almshouse,

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1883.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sarah C. Koop, | $98 38 | Henry L. Bates, | 88 11 |
| Manuel Enos, | 72 00 | Dorcas Reed, | 30 00 |
| Hannah Wheelwright, | 54 00 | William Kilburn, | 198 34 |
| Myra Gardner, | 78 00 | Lot Willcutt, | 75 76 |
| Frank Kent, | 52 00 | George B. Williams, | 144 28 |
| Hannah L. Cushing, | 18 00 | George F. Groves, | 65 29 |
| Lois A. Ney, | 87 85 | Julia Macomber, | 226 22 |
| Elizabeth Ainslie, | 322 63 | Elizabeth J. Dady, | 180 92 |
| Joseph F. Martin, | 72 00 | Sarah McCormick, | 37 50 |
| Mary O'Brien, | 94 50 | William Hayden, | 56 92 |
| Rosa Flavin, | 56 00 | George W. Powers, | 53 50 |
| Mrs. A. Joseph, | 22 00 | Wm. F. Harris, Jr., | 7 50 |
| Oliver Henderson, | 138 20 | Henry Carter, | 16 50 |
| Mary A. Compton, | 69 70 | Amiel Studley, | 16 50 |
| Deborah Kilburn, | 109 38 | Mary C. Kent, | 127 07 |
| Joseph E. Smith, | 193 82 | Thankful R. Souther, | 48 00 |
| Addie L. Bogues, | 208 17 | Eunice Sterling, | 65 07 |
| Susan Waters, | 14 00 | Patrick Mulcahy, | 31 31 |
| Susan Meeker, | 45 50 | Charles J. McCarthy, | 59 26 |
| John Tyrer, | 122 68 | Eunice Lincoln, | 20 00 |
| William H. Litchfield, | 138 54 | E. K. Howe, | 22 50 |
| Isaac H. Tower, | 53 90 | Alfred Haskell, | 7 98 |
| C. H. Litchfield, | 61 92 | Overseers of Poor, | 107 66 |
| Mrs. Hiram Bates, | 14 00 | | |
| Cynthia Rosa, | 2 50 | | $3,885 86 |

Payments have been made to the following persons during the year, on account of assistance outside: —

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|---|---|
| Sarah C. Koop, order on Treasurer, | $72 00 |
| Manuel Enos, " " | 72 00 |
| Hannah Wheelwright, " " | 54 00 |
| Myra Gardner, " " | 78 00 |
| Frank Kent, " " | 52 00 |
| Hannah L. Cushing, " " | 18 00 |
| Elizabeth Ainslie, " " | 120 00 |
| Joseph F. Martin, " " | 72 00 |
| Mary O'Brien, " " | 72 00 |
| Rosa Flavin, " " | 56 00 |
| Mrs. A. Joseph, " " | 12 00 |
| Oliver Henderson, " " | 119 00 |
| Mary A. Compton, " " | 16 00 |
| Henry Carter, " " | 10 00 |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, groceries, &c., | 228 24 |
| W. W. Bates, groceries, | 128 79 |
| Elmer E. Bates, " | 140 34 |
| Sarah J. Bates, milk, | 2 04 |
| Herbert L. Brown, groceries, | 215 25 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., " | 30 64 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, | 160 43 |
| Herbert A Tilden, groceries, | 12 00 |
| G. P. Pratt, medical attendance, | 120 00 |
| Lot W. Bates, rent, | 57 50 |
| Aaron Pratt, " | 9 00 |
| Alifia J. Arnold, " | 9 00 |
| Frank W. Brown, medicine, | 37 35 |
| William F. Thayer, beef, | 28 32 |
| Philander Bates, boots and shoes, | 55 35 |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, | 58 51 |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., wood, | 5 94 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $2121 70 |

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| *Amount brought forward,* - - - - | $2121 70 |
| Zaccheus Rich, funeral expenses, . . . . | 72 50 |
| City of Boston, . . . . . | 240 14 |
| " Taunton, . . . . . | 53 50 |
| " Newburyport, . . . . . | 19 20 |
| Town of Rockland, . . . . . | 61 00 |
| " South Scituate, . . . . . | 27 11 |
| " Scituate, . . . . . | 103 00 |
| " Townsend, . . . . . | 7 50 |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . . . | 23 00 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . . . . | 30 06 |
| W. S. Dunbar, " . . . . . | 8 00 |
| David B. Tower, " . . . . . | 8 00 |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital, . . . . . | 483 67 |
| Worcester " " . . . . . | 226 22 |
| " Asylum ot Insane, . . . . | 180 92 |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, . . | 72 66 |
| Philander Bates, " . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Gross & Nichols, groceries, . . . . . | 112 68 |
| | $3,885 86 |

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| By amount due from James Dady, . . . | $180 92 |
| " " Hingham, . . . . . | 92 00 |
| " " Rockland, . . . . . | 59 26 |
| " " Weymouth, . . . . . | 65 29 |
| " " Scituate, . . . . . | 14 00 |
| " " State, . . . . . | 95 50 |
| | $506 97 |

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| Amount of outside relief, | $3,885 86 |
| Deduct outside credit, | 506 97 |
| Amount of outside expense, | $3,378 89 |
| Amount of Almshouse " | 2,525 49 |
| Total amount for support of poor, | $5,904 38 |
| Amount appropriated, | 5,500 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, | $404 38 |
| Amount of credits on account, | 334 05 |
| | $70 33 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in account with

1882–83.

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|---|---|---|
| To paid | Selectmen's Orders drawn to date, . . . . | $18,371 03 |
| " | " " outstanding, . . . . | 2 25 |
| " | State aid and relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, | 860 00 |
| " | Appropriations for Schools and repairs of School-houses, . . . . . | 6,500 00 |
| " | Additional items on School account, . . . | 441 39 |
| " | Assessors orders for abatement of taxes, . . | 500 50 |
| " | Discount on taxes for 1882, as paid into Treasury to Nov. 10th, . . . . . | 1,054 32 |
| " | State of Massachusetts, tax for 1882, . . . | 2,560 00 |
| " | County of Norfolk, tax for 1882, . . . . | 1,527 62 |
| " | Charles Pratt, funded note due 1882, . . . | 1,000 00 |
| " | Franklin J. Damon, funded note due 1882, . . | 1,000 00 |
| " | Martha T. Bates, demand note, . . . . | 1,400 00 |
| " | Nancy S. Whitcomb, " " . . . . | 450 00 |
| " | Bela Stoddard, " " . . . . | 600 00 |
| " | George K. Nickerson, " " . . . . | 1,000 00 |
| " | Samuel E. Pratt, " " . . . . | 1,000 00 |
| " | Caroline E. Pratt, " " . . . . | 300 00 |
| " | Cohasset Savings Bank, " " . . . . | 3,000 00 |
| " | " " " $10,000, and C. Pratt $1000, hired money in anticipation of taxes, . . | 11,000 00 |
| " | Interest on Town's Notes, . . . . . | 1,593 33 |
| | | $54,160 44 |

Balance in Treasury, viz.:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unpaid taxes for 1880 and 1881, . . . . | $505 61 | |
| " " for 1882, . . . . . | 1,240 14 | |
| Cash in Banks, . . . . . | 1,392 38 | |
| | | 3,138 13 |
| | | $57,298 57 |

COHASSET, FEB. 1, 1883.

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COHASSET, FEB. 10, 1883.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer. Cr.

1882–83.

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|---|---|
| By balance in treasury from former account, . . . . | $2,825 50 |
| Received of State Treas. for Corporation tax of 1881, add'l, . | 457 25 |
| " " " " " 1882, . . | 4,623 86 |
| " " " National Bank tax, " . . | 1,571 96 |
| " " " State aid and relief, " . . | 722 50 |
| " " " Support of Paupers, . . | 61 00 |
| " " " Income of Mass. School Fund, . | 190 79 |
| " Norfolk County, bal. due on dog licenses, 1882, . | 182 10 |
| " " " disc't on tax, anticipated, " . | 15 27 |
| " James Dady, for support of wife in 1881, . . | 177 51 |
| " Town of Rockland, support of C. McCarty, . | 67 37 |
| " " Hingham, support of Myra Gardner, . | 78 00 |
| " " So. Scituate, old account, . . . | 113 42 |
| " Bourne & Nickerson, 1881 account, . . . | 23 12 |
| " A. C. Wheelwright, J. H. Worthington, and heirs of A. H. Tower, contribution towards Nichols Avenue, . . . . . | 500 00 |
| " Subscription towards sprinkling Jerusalem Road, | 230 00 |
| " From sale of Straits Pond flats, &c, . . . | 846 00 |
| " J. J. Lothrop, legacy and interest on Trustee's note, . . . . . | 256 53 |
| " J. Q. A. Lothrop, office and house rents, . . | 116 65 |
| " L. N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, . . . | 48 50 |
| " Almshouse sales of produce, board of horses, &c., | 141 31 |
| " Interest on bank accounts and fees on delinquent taxes, . . . . . | 119 41 |
| " Interest on Ripley Fund, 1882, . . . . | 52 50 |
| " " Mary J. Enos' mortgage note, . . | 9 00 |
| " Tuition of non-residents, by School Com., . . | 16 00 |
| " H. Merritt, pedler's license, . . . . | 8 00 |
| " Charles Pratt, hired money temporarily, . . | 1,000 00 |
| " Martha T. Bates, " demand notes . | 1,000 00 |
| " A. H. Tower, Trustee Lothrop Fund, " . | 3,700 00 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, . . " . | 13,000 00 |
| " Amount of Tax list for 1882, . . . . | 25,145 02 |
| | $57,298 57 |

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

## Town of Cohasset in account with School Committee.

*Dr.*

1882–3.

HIGH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Principal, . . . , . . | $1000 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 800 00 | |
| | | $1,800 00 |
| James Sweeney, janitor, . . | 21 38 | |
| C. O. Keefe, " . . | 24 72 | |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . | 40 44 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 54 86 | |
| E. E. Tower, one cord hard wood, | 6 00 | |
| C. O. Keefe, labor on wood, . . | 4 50 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, " " . . | 1 00 | |
| | | $152 90 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| Miss A. Fox, care of room and fires, | $10 00 | |
| Miss A. M. Beal, " " " | 3 00 | |
| Lincoln Bros., wood, . . . | 32 69 | |
| | | $45 69 |

NORTH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| Daniel Reedy, labor on wood, . | $1 50 | |
| J. W. Colbrith, " " . | 2 00 | |
| Arther Mulvey " " . | 2 25 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, " " . | 5 30 | |
| E. E. Tower, 2 cords pine wood, . | 10 00 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - | $21 05 | |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $21 05 | |
| Paid C. J. Nichols, 1 cord hard wood, . | 7 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 29 52 | |
| C. O. Keefe, care of rooms and fires, | 6 00 | |
| W. H. Reedy, " " " | 6 00 | |
| Teachers, " " " | 6 00 | |
| | | $75 57 |

CENTRE SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| Sol. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . | $3 75 | |
| " " care of rooms and fires, . . | 18 80 | |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . | 48 01 | |
| E. E. Tower, half cord pine wood, | 2 50 | |
| | | $73 06 |

SOUTH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $340 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| P. F. Brennock, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | $12 00 | |
| M. L. Beal, care of rooms and fires, | 3 00 | |
| Sol. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . | 3 65 | |
| C. J. Nichols, 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 00 | |
| Lincoln Bros., coal, . . . | 45 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 9 91 | |
| | | $78 56 |

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $450 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $750 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Lot W. Bates, 7 cords hard wood, . | $42 00 | |
| " " 1 cord pine wood, . | 5 00 | |
| " " labor on wood, . | 20 00 | |
| Alden Damon, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| | | $77 00 |

HARBOR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $300 00 |
| W. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | $5 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . | 22 72 | |
| A. Whittington, half cord pine wood, | 2 75 | |
| W. Hayden, care of room and fires, | 7 00 | |
| Teacher, " " " . | 3 00 | |
| Thomas A. Tower, care of room and fires, . . . . . | 1 00 | |
| | | $41 47 |

KING STREET SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $340 00 |
| Galen James & Sons, wood and labor, | 16 00 | |
| Burbank & James, labor on wood, . | 1 50 | |
| H. W. Burbank, " " . | 1 50 | |
| H. W. Burbank, care of rooms and fires, . . . . . | 9 00 | |
| Samuel James, 1 cord walnut wood, | 7 50 | |
| | | 35 50 |
| | | $6,029 75 |

## Expenditures on School-Houses.

HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. J. F. Henry, cleaning, . . | $16 77 | |
| Charles Henry, cleaning vault, . | 3 00 | |
| E. N. Barker, glazing, painting, and stock, . . . . . | 11 52 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $31 29 | |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - | $31 29 | |
| Paid S. D. Tower, repairing black-boards, | 4 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs and supplies, | 14 12 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . . | 14 42 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor, . . | 6 25 | |
| | | 70 08 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Miss A. Fox, cleaning, curtain fixtures, etc., . . . . . | $10 90 | |
| C. Knapp, painting and glazing, . | 5 25 | |
| Bogart & Covert, supplies, . . | 1 33 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairs on stove, etc., | 2 37 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . | 1 86 | |
| | | 21 71 |

NORTH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles Henry, cleaning vault, . | $3 00 | |
| Mrs. J. F. Henry, cleaning, . . | 10 38 | |
| Thomas Wilcutt, labor, . . . | 9 00 | |
| E. E. Ellms, text books and stationery, . . . . . | 11 67 | |
| Ziba C. Small, glazing, . . . | 1 50 | |
| Tower Bros. & Co., sheet lead, . . | 73 | |
| Samuel Bates, stove and supplies, . | 43 76 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing black-board, | 6 00 | |
| | | 86 04 |

CENTRE SCHOOL HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Mulcahy, cleaning, . . | $9 00 | |
| Charles Henry, cleaning vault, . | 3 00 | |
| E. N. Barker, glazing, . . . | 35 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor, . . | 4 75 | |
| Z. Rich, repairing table, . . | 1 75 | |
| E. E. Ellms, books and stationery,. | 8 32 | |
| Ziba C. Small, glazing, . . . | 50 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 1 97 | |
| Samuel Bates, cleaning funnel, etc., | 4 57 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing black-board, | 5 00 | |
| | | 39 21 |

### South School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Cronican, cleaning . . | $9 00 | |
| P. F. Brennock, setting grate, . | 25 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor, . . | 3 68 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, etc., . . | 8 68 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., sand and cement, | 4 53 | |
| Samuel Bates, 1 stove and supplies, | 51 55 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing black-board, | 7 00 | |
| | | 84 69 |

### Beechwood School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid D. B. Francis, labor, . . . | $3 25 | |
| E. E. Ellms, books and stationery, . | 7 01 | |
| Susan Meeker, cleaning, . . | 8 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, cleaning funnel, . | 2 50 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing black-boards, | 6 00 | |
| | | 26 76 |

### Harbor School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. D. Rooney, cleaning, . . | $ 50 | |
| Mrs. Thomas, " . . | 8 00 | |
| Mrs. Levangie, " . . | 25 | |
| W. S. Dunbar, supplies, . . | 1 27 | |
| E. E. Ellms, stationery, . . . | 1 79 | |
| Samuel Bates, repairing stove, etc., | 10 25 | |
| C. F. Nichols, broom, . . . | 54 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing black-boards, | 4 50 | |
| | | 27 10 |

### King Street School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Williston, cleaning, . . | $4 50 | |
| Galen James, labor, . . . | 3 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 2 12 | |
| S. D. Tower, repairing black-board, | 3 00 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., door, lock, etc., . | 4 70 | |
| E. E. Ellms, books and stationery, . | 5 69 | |
| R. T. Burbank, labor, . . . | 2 00 | |
| | | 25 51 |
| | | $381 10 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, superintendent, . | $200 00 | |
| L. N. Bates, treasurer, . . . | 25 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, truant officer, . | 12 00 | |
| A. T. Prouty, " . | 10 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 26 75 | |
| Beal's Express, expressing, . . | 6 25 | |
| A. M. Raymond, tuning piano, . | 5 00 | |
| J. M. Whittemore, printing school receipts, . . . . . | 2 50 | |
| E. E. Ellms, Walton's tables, . . | 8 00 | |
| Mrs. E. Wood, use of well, . . | 1 00 | |
| A. C. Stocking, text books, . . | 9 45 | |
| W. Ware & Co., " . . | 10 19 | |
| Knight & Adams, stationery, . . | 2 80 | |
| N. E. News Co., " . . | 5 76 | |
| Ginn & Heath, " . . | 70 | |
| R. S. Davis, text books, . . | 7 50 | |
| Russell Publishing Co., text books, . | 7 00 | |
| N. E. Furnishing Co., covering paper, . . . . . | 2 20 | |
| Thompson Bro. & Co., text books, . | 7 80 | |
| Appleton & Co., " . | 2 00 | |
| | | 351 90 |

## Recapitulation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures for teaching, . . | $5,450 00 | |
| " for fuel, care of rooms, etc., . . . . | 579 75 | |
| " on School Houses, . . | 381 10 | |
| " for miscellaneous purposes, | 351 90 | |
| " of last year in excess of appropriation, . . | 166 30 | |
| | | $6,929 05 |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . . | | 12 34 |
| | | $6,941 39 |

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|---|---|---|
| By Town appropriation, . . | $6,500 00 | |
| State School Fund, . . . | 190 79 | |
| Norfolk County dog licenses, . . | 182 10 | |
| Ripley School Fund, . . . | 52 50 | |
| Tuition of non-resident scholar, . | 16 00 | |
| | | $6,941 39 |

L. N. BATES,
*Treasurer of School Committee.*

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**Estimated amount to be Appropriated for the ensuing Year.**

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|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, . . . . . | $2000 00 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . . | 1500 00 |
| Payment of Discount on Taxes, . . . | 1000 00 |
| Support of Poor, . . . . . | 5500 00 |
| Support of Schools, . . . . . | 5700 00 |
| Repairs of School Houses and Salaries of Supt. and Treas. of Committee, . . . . | 800 00 |
| Removing snow, . . . . . | 500 00 |
| Watering Jerusalem Road, . . . . | 400 00 |
| Repairs of highways, . . . . . | 2500 00 |
| Town offices, . . . . . | 900 00 |
| Printing, . . . . . | 200 00 |
| Fire department, . . . . . | 500 00 |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 500 00 |
| Jerusalem Road and Straits Pond, . . . | 1000 00 |
| Public Library, . . . . . | 400 00 |
| | $23,400 00 |

Deduct sums available for the above appropriotions.

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|---|---|---|
| Cash in the Treasury and uncollected taxes, less $1,200.00 reserved for Hook and Ladder appropriation, not used, . . | $1400 00 | |
| Corporations and Bank Taxes for 1883, . | 4500 00 | |
| Amount to be raised by the town, . | 17,500 00 | |
| | | $23,400 00 |
| State and County Taxes, estimated, . . . | | $4,100 00 |
| Amount to be issued by town, . . . . | | 17,500 00 |
| " " " by taxation, . . . | | $21,600 00 |

## Table of Aggregates.

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|---|---|---|
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1881, . . | | $1,713,342 00 |
| " of Personal Estate, May 1, 1881, . | | 1,140,562 00 |
| Total valuation, May 1, 1881, . . . | | $2,853,904 00 |
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1882, . . | | $1,817,394 00 |
| " of Personal Estate, May 1, 1882, . | | 1,171,096 00 |
| Total valuation, May 1, 1882, . . . | | $2,988,490 00 |
| Increase in valuation in 1882, . . . | | 134,586 00 |
| Number of Polls in 1881, . . . | 608 | |
| " " 1882, . . . | 589 | |
| Decrease in Polls, . . . . . | 19 | |
| Tax on Polls and Estates, . . . . . | | 25,086 04 |
| Rate per cent. on $1,000, . . . . . | | 8 00 |
| Number of dwelling houses in 1881, . | 553 | |
| " of horses, " . | 246 | |
| " of cows, " . | 290 | |
| Acres of land taxed, . . . . . | | 6,036 |

## List of Jurymen,

DRAWN DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 22, 1882, | | JOHN A. DYER, | Grand Juror. |
| " 22, 1882, | | J. FOSTER DOANE, | Superior Court. |
| April 13, | " | EDWIN BATES, | " " |
| May 8, | " | THOMAS A. BATES, | " " |
| Aug. 28, | " | WILLIAM H. BEAL, | " " |
| Sept. 11, | " | DANIEL HUDSON, JR., | " " |
| Nov. 24, | " | LEVI LINCOLN, | " " |
| Dec. 9, | " | ALLEN C. BATES, | " " |
| Feb. 6, 1883, | | RICHARD W. LOTHROP, | Sup. Jud. " |

## List of Jurors,

To be accepted or rejected by the Town, at its next Annual March Meeting, March 5th, 1883.

MANUEL F. ANTONE,
FRANK P. APPLETON,
PHILANDER BATES,
RUFUS BATES, JR.,
OLIVER H. BATES,
CYRUS H. BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
WALTER S. BEAL,
HERBERT O. BEAL,
ALFRED BEAL,
JAMES S. BEAL,
P. FRANKLIN BURGESS,
GEORGE W. COUSENS,
CHARLES G. CROCKETT,
ORLANDO CURTIS,
JOHN M. DAMON,
HORACE J. DAMON,
EDWARD E. ELLMS,
MANUEL S. ENOS,
STEPHEN D. FARRAR,
SAMUEL L. GROCE,
GEORGE O. HIGGINS,
GALEN JAMES,
CHARLES L. KITTRELL,
LOUIS N. LINCOLN,
CALEB LINCOLN,
FREDERICK L. LINCOLN,
THOMAS LINCOLN,
JOSEPH W. LITCHFIELD,
A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD.
SAMUEL E. PRATT,
ROBERT B. PRATT,
AARON PRATT,
ZIBA C. SMALL,
MORGAN B. STETSON,
ANDREW J. SOUTHER,
ABRAHAM H. TOWER,
CHARLES H. WILLARD.

## ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

### March 5, 1883.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To act upon the Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Public Library, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of School Committee and School Committee.

Article 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law, and By-laws of the Town.

Article 4. What sums of money will the Town raise and appropriate for the Support of the Poor, Repairs of Highways, Support of Schools, Payment of Debt, Interest, Discount on Taxes, Public Library, and other necessary charges and expenses for the current year. Also, will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

Article 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

Article 7. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 8. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Article 9. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money for special repairs on Jerusalem Road, Hull Street, and improvement of Straits Pond, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town for the current year, in accordance with Chap. 54 of the Acts of 1881.

ARTICLE 11. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year, in accordance with Chap. 60 of the Acts of 1880.

ARTICLE 12. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase, for the use of the Town, a History of Norfolk County, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. Will the Town authorize the Overseers of the Poor to sell and convey, at public auction, the house and land formerly belonging to Philip D. Minot, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To hear the Report of the Committee to purchase a Hook and Ladder Truck, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To hear the Report of the Committee to prepare plans for a Receiving Tomb, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To hear the Reports of any other Committees, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey a portion of Straits Pond Flats to M. F. Dickinson, Jr., or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. What action will the Town take upon the suit for damages commenced by Martin Beal.

ARTICLE 19. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase a small parcel of land in Straits Pond, from Oren R. Beal, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 20. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money, to build suitable Bridges on Doane Street, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. What action will the Town take for the improvement of the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 22. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to make an addition to the Centre School House, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to build fish-ways, and make other improvements for the benefit of the Herring Fishery, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to decorate the Soldiers' and Sailor's graves.

ARTICLE 25. Will the Town cause the wages of laborers on the highways to be raised to $1.75 per day, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. Will the Town take any action in relation to the moving of the School House on Jerusalem Road.

ARTICLE 27. Will the Town raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the School Committee, to expend in furnishing books to the scholars in the various schools, or act thereon.

# LIST OF
# Marriages, Births and Deaths,
## Registered in Cohasset, for the year 1882.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

### MARRIAGES.

| Date. | | NAME. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 5, | David L. Sterling<br>Lizzie C. Damon | Weymouth<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 15, | Francis William Thomas<br>Mary Ellen Cotter | Cohasset<br>E. Weymouth. | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| Feb. | 12, | Frank Antoine Mitchell<br>Phœbe Frates | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| " | 21, | Richard Manning<br>Julia Healey | New Haven Ct<br>Cohasset | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| April | 2, | Charles Francis Allen<br>Susie Marion Nott | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Randolph by Rev. John C. Labaree. |
| " | 14, | Plummer Franklin Palmer<br>Mary Sheahan | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| May | 25, | Samuel L. Jenkins<br>Emma C. Sprague | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " | 31, | Franklin Nichols Bates<br>Celinda Belcher Thayer | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| June | 20, | Amos Hatch Tilden<br>Euphemia B. Prouty | So. Scituate<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 28, | William R. Collier<br>Marianna Pratt | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| July | 16, | Elmer Ellsworth Bates<br>Myra Etta Bates | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. E. C. Hood. |
| Sept. | 5, | Thomas Augustus Watson<br>Elizabeth Seaver Kimball | Everett<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " | 8, | Milo Harrison Gilbert<br>Mary Gibbens | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev Gerald Fagan. |
| " | 24, | Everett Ellis Chandler<br>Laura Alice Totman | Duxbury<br>Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Oct. | 21, | Loring Goodwin<br>Mary Louisa Beal | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 29, | Thomas Francis Sheridan<br>Ellen Elizabeth Mulcahey | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| Nov. | 30, | Billings H. Merritt<br>Amy L. Litchfield | Scituate<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " | 30, | James Hughes<br>Julia Margaret Donovan | Cohasset<br>Scituate | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| Dec. | 3, | Charles William Howe<br>Emma Frances Hudson | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Granville Yager. |
| " | 28, | Manuel D'Oliveira<br>Marianna C. Dias | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Boston by Rev. Henry B. M. Hughes. |

Twenty Marriages were registered and sixteen Intentions of Marriage were issued during he year 1882.

## BIRTHS—1882.

| Date of Birth | | Names. | Parents Name. | Maiden Name | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 2 | John Joseph McCarty | Charles J. and Johanna | Kelleher | Border street. |
| " | 19 | Margaret O'Kief | William and Margaret | Hennessey | No. Main St. |
| " | 28 | Benjamin Franklin Crane | Benjamin H. and Lydia M. | Hill | Beechwood " |
| Feb. | 26 | David Richmond Damon | Horace J. and Mary F. | Whitcomb | " " |
| " | 26 | Maggie Ann Mattie | Thomas and Maggie | Delorey | Margin " |
| March | 1 | —— Donovan | John and Mary J | McQueeney | Pleasant " |
| " | 8 | Mary Julia D'Agevado | Manuel and Depolina E. | Pimentel | Margin " |
| " | 8 | Inez Frances Martin | Frank F. and Mary E. | Enos | Border " |
| " | 9 | John William Lee | William and Julia | Hastings | No. Main " |
| " | 12 | Clement Wallace Bates | Thomas A. and Melissa L. | Damon | Beechwood " |
| " | 15 | Mary Lavinia Silvia | Manuel and Isabel P. | Taylor | Church " |
| " | 19 | Mary Charlotte Holland | James W. and Bridget | Allen | So. Main " |
| April | 10 | Elmer Stanley Williams | Samuel L. and Augusta | Burbank | King " |
| " | 10 | Odin Towle | E. Herbert and Sarah C. | Nichols | Hyde Park. |
| " | 29 | Essie Theresa Munnies | George F. and Mary F. | Cassidy | Beechwood St. |
| May | 7 | Grace Eddy | William and Ella | Pratt | Border " |
| " | 15 | Frances Catharine Caddon | Richard and Bridget | Jordan | Jerusalem road |
| " | 17 | Nellie Saloane Bates | Lorenzo W and Lottie C. | Beal | So. Main St. |
| " | 20 | Maggie Mulhern | Matthew and Maggie | Leslie | No. Main " |
| " | 28 | Elizabeth Damon Butman | Joseph E. and Mary A. | Stewart | Margin " |
| June | 6 | Stella Vernon Loney | Thomas and Laura | Thompson | Pleasant " |
| " | 10 | Mary Lewis Tower | Abraham H. Jr., and Mary F. | Osgood | Nat'l City, Cal. |
| July | 3 | Edith Bates Earle | J. Wentworth and Sarah A. | Bates | Jerusalem road |
| " | 11 | Henry Nelson Taylor | Stephen S. and Melinda W. | Bailey | Beechwood St. |
| " | 16 | Alfred McCormick | James and Bridget T. | McTague | No Main " |
| " | 26 | Walter Leroy Antoine | Abraham J. and Lizzie | McQueeney | Elm " |
| Aug. | 7 | Willie Beal Knight | Winthrop and Mary L. | Beal | Hull " |
| " | 10 | Oscar Francis Vargus | Antoine, Jr. and Mary E. | Arnold | Church " |
| " | 17 | Alice Frances Enos | Manuel S. and Alice E. | Antoine | Elm " |
| " | 24 | Virginia Eliza Salvador | Antoine E. and Amelia | Galvin | Margin " |
| " | 26 | Alonzo Benjamin Davis | Edward N. and Hattie L. | Palmer | Pleasant " |
| " | 30 | Grace Ellsworth Litchfield | George L. and Nettenia E. | Spooner | So. Main " |
| Sept. | 5 | Michael Frances Haley | Matthew and Mary | Mulcahy | Pleasant " |
| " | 7 | Charles Enos Frates | Joseph E. and Mary E | Fargunds | Border " |
| " | 19 | Helen May Tilden | William T. and Flora L. | Brown | So. Main " |
| " | 25 | Mary Theresa Donovan | Daniel and Mary | McCarty | No. Main " |
| " | 28 | Fannie Louise Merritt | Edward W. and Abbie W. | Barnes | Pleasant " |
| " | 29 | Sheldon Potter | Asa P. and Delle A. | Sheldon | Jerusalem road |
| " | 30 | Georgianna Almenia Stewart | Edwin G. and Bertha L. | Lincoln | Beechwood St. |
| Oct. | 1 | Weldon Eugene Allen | Charles F. and Susie M. | Nott | " " |
| " | 15 | Michael Wholley | Thomas and Catharine | Coughlin | So. Main " |
| " | 19 | Frederick Pratt Valine | Manuel P. and Sarah E | Antoine | Margin " |
| " | 27 | George Antone Sylvia | Manuel R. and Maria E. | Antoine | " " |
| Nov. | 6 | James Wilson | Charles and Matilda | Frazer | So. Main " |
| " | 8 | Susie Warren Browne, Sadie Woodbridge Browne | Frank W. and Sadie W. | Garey | Elm " |
| " | 11 | Michael Robert O'Connell | Michael and Catharine | Patterson | Pleasant " |
| " | 28 | Gordon Blake Smith | Charles C. and Katie M. | A'Hearn | No. Main " |
| " | 28 | ——— Mitchell | James W. and Minnie C. | French | Jerusalem " |
| Dec. | 3 | John Dunlap Beal | Zaccheus L and Marcia P. | Tower | Hull " |
| " | 4 | Lizzie Lothrop Tilden | Amos E. and Mary E. | Chamberlain | Border " |
| " | 28 | Charles Alfred Taylor | George and Harriet | Tower | Pond " |
| " | 31 | Lucy Ellen Smith | John and Lucy | Frates | Atlantic Ave. |
| 1879. June | 11 | Jessie Winfield Studley | Andrew J. and Helen M. | Edwards | Margin street. |
| 1881. Jan. | 16 | Eunice Maria Sargent | George F. and Sarah M. | Bates | Church street. |
| Feb. | 26 | Laura Ethel Taylor | George and Harriet | Tower | Pond " |
| April | 26 | Philip Fox | Charles A. and Emma S. | Manchester. | Atlantic Ave. |

The above list contains the names of fifty-three children, born during the year 1882, and, excepting two, all were born in this town. It also contains a few names omitted from previous reports. Of those born in 1882, twenty-six were males, and twenty-seven females, with parentage as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| American Parentage | 25 |
| Foreign " | 15 |
| American Father and Foreign Mother | 4 |
| Foreign Father and American Mother | 9 |

## DEATHS — 1882.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 10 | John J. Lothrop | 88 | 9 | | Cystitis | Atlantic Avenue |
| " | 10 | Mary R. (Ainslie) Kinsley | 20 | 3 | 13 | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Beechwood St. |
| " | 13 | Anna H. (Tower) Bates | 78 | 0 | 29 | Apoplexy | So. Main " |
| Feb. | 16 | Rose M. King | 19 | 7 | | Pulmonary Cons'ption | Beechwood " |
| " | 25 | Lillie Marie Smith | | 6 | 19 | Diphtheria | Cohasset House. |
| Mar. | 3 | Myra (Lincoln) Souther | 69 | 10 | | Congestion of Lungs | Elm street. |
| " | 4 | Joseph P. Wheelwright | 91 | 1 | 10 | Old Age | Almshouse. |
| April | 8 | Mary A. (Langdon) Compton | 52 | | | Pneumonia | Elm street. |
| " | 12 | 2 Arthur Joseph Silvia | 2 | 6 | 6 | Pneumonia | Snow Place. |
| " | 27 | —— —— Morse | | | | Stillborn | Winter street. |
| " | 27 | Dorcas S. (Wood) Reed | 72 | 10 | 23 | Bronchitis | King " |
| " | 29 | Ruth (Nichols) James | 88 | 6 | | Bronchitis | " " |
| " | 29 | Levi L. Worrick | 84 | 1 | | Brights Disease | " " |
| May | 5 | Alexander T. Prouty | 67 | 10 | | Pneumonia | Snow Place. |
| " | 19 | Francis L. Bates | 82 | 7 | | Old Age | Beechwood St. |
| " | 25 | 2 Alice L. Briggs | 1 | 5 | | Dropsy of Brain | So. Main " |
| " | 29 | Franklin J. Damon | 56 | 1 | 19 | Apoplexy | Pleasant " |
| June | 1 | 2 Alice May Ward | 8 | | 6 | Diphtheria | Beechwood " |
| " | 25 | 2 Maggie Riley | | 4 | | Dysentery | Margin " |
| " | 26 | Zoa Anna Pratt | 1 | 10 | 7 | Acute Meningitis | Beechwood " |
| July | 31 | Mary E. Nichols | 25 | 7 | | Cystitis | Jerusalem road. |
| Aug. | 8 | 2 Frederick J. Sylvia | 1 | 1 | | Cholera Infantum | Margin St. |
| " | 10 | Warren Beal Bates | 2 | 6 | 3 | Dysentery | So. Main St. |
| " | 11 | Elizabeth (Lincoln) Cushing | 87 | 9 | 18 | Debility | Spring " |
| " | 23 | Forensia Rosa | 80 | | | Debility | Beechwood St. |
| " | 25 | Elizabeth (Lincoln) Howe | 75 | 6 | | Brights Disease | Cedar " |
| Sept. | 2 | Sarah (Worrick) Kent | 82 | 5 | | Old Age | Summer " |
| " | 16 | 2 Walter Leroy Antoine | | 1 | 21 | Cholera Infantum | Elm " |
| " | 16 | Frances Catharine Cadden | | 4 | 1 | Cholera Infantum | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 16 | Nellie Saloane Bates | | 4 | | Marasmus | So. Main St. |
| " | 20 | Edward K. Howe | 64 | | | Colic | Crockett House. |
| " | 27 | Job Pratt | 63 | 4 | | Apoplexy | No. Main St. |
| Oct. | 21 | 2 Jesse D. Hutchinson | 74 | 9 | 23 | Blood Poison | Elm " |
| " | 29 | 3 Charles E. Hill | 34 | | | Suicide | Forest Avenue. |
| Nov. | 4 | Christianna Litchfield | 19 | 11 | 13 | Consumption | Beechwood St. |
| " | 4 | 2 Antoine Frates | 49 | 4 | | Diabetes | Spring " |
| " | 8 | Sally (Bailey) Kilburn | 64 | | | Cancer | Pleasant " |
| " | 11 | Ezra Towle | 56 | 6 | | Blood Poison | So. Main " |
| Dec. | 5 | 1 Mary (Mulcahy) Haley | 22 | 8 | | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Pleasant " |
| " | 23 | William Beal | 52 | 8 | 25 | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Jerusalem road. |
| " | 28 | Thomas Whitcomb | 90 | 2 | 21 | General Debility | Beechwood St. |
| " | 29 | 4 Johanna (Kelleher) McCarty | 40 | | | Brights Disease | Border " |

1. Buried at Hingham.
2. " " Scituate.
3. Buried at Bath, Me.
4. " " Abington.

The above list contains names of forty-two persons — eighteen males and twenty-two females — who died in this town during the year 1882, their average age being about 44 years 7 months 10 days.

Twelve bodies were brought into the town for interment, and a list of the same is herewith appended :

## DEATHS — 1882.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 13 | Lucinda P. Tower | 50 | 5 | | Boston. |
| February | 12 | John Powers | 72 | | | Hingham. |
| " | 13 | Lewis Willcutt | 46 | 2 | | Boston. |
| " | 18 | Lewis N. Stockbridge | 73 | 3 | | " |
| April | 4 | Hiram Bruce | 78 | 5 | | Stowe. |
| " | 16 | Mary J. Aldrich | 56 | 11 | | Boston. |
| July | 22 | John L. Richards | | 6 | 25 | " |
| August | 11 | Louis N. Bates | 38 | | | Somerville. |
| October | 18 | John K. Pike | 61 | 2 | | Boston. |
| November | 22 | Thomas E. Hammond | 49 | 6 | | " |
| December | 16 | Drusilla S. Percival | 65 | 11 | | " |
| " | 27 | Cordelia A. Taylor | 35 | 2 | 13 | Scituate. |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

TO THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET.

GENTLEMEN:

It gives me pleasure to be able to present a favorable report of the schools during the current school year. All have been conducted harmoniously and successfully. There have been no changes in the corps of teachers. Those who had charge of the several schools at the close of the last school year have been continued in the same positions the present year.

The following table gives a synopsis of the names of the teachers and of the number of scholars belonging to each school, each of the three terms:

| Schools. | Teachers. | Spring and Sum'r Terms. | Fall Term. | Winter Term. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jerusalem, . . . . | Miss Annie Fox, . . . | 20 | 17 | 16 |
| North Grammar, . . | " Martha A. Bates, . . | 25 | 26 | 20 |
| North Primary, . . . | " Susie L. Stoddard, . | 22 | 25 | 23 |
| Centre Grammar, . . | " Anna A. Souther, . | 43 | 41 | 39 |
| Centre Primary, . . | " Lizzie C. Bates, . . | 45 | 49 | 44 |
| South Grammar, . . | " Josie L. Vinal, . . | 33 | 22 | 27 |
| South Primary, . . . | " Myra L. Beal, . . . | 22 | 24 | 25 |
| Harbor, . . . . . | " Lottie M. Whittington, | 44 | 47 | 41 |
| Beechwood Grammar, | Mr. L. Webster Bates, . . | 28 | 25 | 25 |
| Beechwood Primary, . | Miss Georgiana Bates, . . | 25 | 36 | 26 |
| King Street, . . . . | " Martha P. Bates, . . | 14 | 14 | 15 |
| High, . . . . . | " Drusilla S. Lothrop, Mr. Edmund P. Collier, . | 62 | 76 | 80 |
| | | 383 | 402 | 381 |

The High School has never been in a better condition than at present. During the year the attendance has been good, and nothing has occurred to interrupt the good order and successful conduct of the school. The good effects of requiring a more thorough preparation for entering and a more carefully arranged and systematic course of study are more and more apparent. As we make the work in the lower schools more thorough that in the High School is made also more thorough, and more comprehensive and profitable.

It is now forty-two years since the High School was established as a public school.

In 1841 the town voted to establish a High School by a vote of 61 be to 43. Two hundred dollars were voted for it, and it was not to continued over four months. During the remainder of the school year it was continued as a private school, those persons who sent their children paying for their tuition. For nine years the school was sustained as a four months' winter school in accordance with this system.

Mr. Jacob Tuck was the teacher of the School, as well as of the summer private school for those nine years.

In 1850 the town voted to make the High School a yearly school under the charge of a male teacher with a salary of $500 with a female assistant for twelve weeks in the winter.

In 1850-1 the High School, established as a yearly school, was taught during its summer and fall terms by Mr. James Hervey, and during the winter term by Mr. George H. Fillmore and Miss Elizabeth Gould. Mr. Fillmore taught the school till the spring of 1853 with Miss Maria Hubbard as assistant.

1853–4. During the spring and summer term, the school was taught by Mr. Robert Metcalf, in the fall term by Mr. Crocker, and in the winter term by Mr. Perkins. Miss Hubbard continued to act as assistant.

1854-5. Mr. Frank Willard taught the school with Miss Hubbard as assistant during the spring term, Miss Grace E. Nichols the fall term, and Miss Ford the winter term.

1855-6. Mr. John F. Browne taught the school during the spring term, Mr. Gunnison the fall term, and Mr. Bullard the winter term. Miss Gould was assistant through the year.

1856–7. The School was taught by Mr. Bullard with Miss Grace E. Nichols as assistant.

1857–8. Mr. Bullard taught the School during the spring and summer terms and was succeeded by Mr. William F. Bacon who had

charge of the school during its fall and winter terms. Miss Nichols acted as assistant.

1858–9. Mr. Bacon was principal and Miss Sophronia P. Oakes assistant during the winter term. Up to this date the High School had been kept for forty-three weeks in the year, and some years an assistant had been employed for the whole year, and several years only during the cold months for sixteen weeks. In the School Report for this year it was recommended that the school year should consist of forty weeks, as in the other schools, and that the assistant should be employed for the whole school year, an arrangement which was adopted and has been continued to the present time.

1859–60. The School was begun under the charge of Mr. Bacon, and was taught by him for about five weeks, when he resigned and was succeeded by Mr. Robert F. Leighton, who continued in charge of the school through the remainder of this and the whole of the following school year. Miss S. P. Oakes taught as assistant during the spring and the latter part of the fall term, Miss Mary G. Ripley teaching the first part of that term. Miss Mary R. Tower taught during the winter term.

1860–1. The school was continued under the care of Mr. Leighton and Miss Tower.

1861–2. The school was taught by Mr. Henry Leonard as principal, and by Miss Tower during the spring and fall terms, and by Miss Oakes during the winter term.

1862–63. The school was taught by Mr. Leighton and Miss Oakes.

1863–64. Mr. Leighton had charge of the school through the year, assisted by Miss Oakes during the spring term, and by Miss Eliza H. Tower during the winter term.

1864–5. The school this year was taught by Mr. Leighton and Miss Eliza H. Tower.

1865–6. Mr. Leighton taught four weeks of the spring and summer term, Mr. Nathan Harrington the remainder of the term, Col. Samuel Harrington the rest of the year, while Miss E. H. Tower continued as assistant through the year.

1866–7. The school was continued under the care of Col. Harrington, assisted by Miss M. Anna Rich.

1867–8. Col Harrington had charge of the school till near the close of the fall term, when he was succeeded by Mr. William E. Buck for the remainder of the year. Miss Rich was assistant.

1868–9. The school was continued under the care of Mr. Buck and Miss Rich.

1869–70. Mr. Buck taught the school during the first four weeks of the spring term and was succeeded by Mr. E. J. Caswell. Miss Rich continued as assistant.

1870–1. Mr. Caswell continued in charge of the school until the close of the spring and summer terms, and in the fall was succeeded by Mr. William B. French. Miss Rich continued as assistant.

1871–2. The school, this year, was taught by Mr. French, with Miss Rich as assistant, and Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop as second assistant for the last fifteen weeks of the school year.

1872–3. The school was continued under the care of Mr. French and Miss Rich, with Miss Lizzie Cutting as second assistant for the first six weeks of the spring term. At the close of the term Mr. French resigned, and Miss Rich also, after six years' service in the school. Mr. F. W. Knowlton was then employed as principal, and Miss Lothrop as assistant, for the rest of the year. Miss Cutting acted as second assistant for the winter term.

1873–4. The school was taught this year by Mr. W. H. Knight, with Miss Lothrop as assistant. Miss S. L. Burnham was employed as second assistant part of the spring term, and Miss Cutting during the winter term.

1874–5. The school was taught by Mr. Knight and Miss Lothrop.

1875–6. The school was continued under the charge of Mr. Knight and Miss Lothrop till the close of the fifth week of the winter term, when Mr. Knight resigned his position, and Miss Lothrop was appointed principal of the school, and Mr. E. Pomeroy Collier assistant.

Miss Lothrop and Mr. Collier have continued to have charge of the school to the present time, seven years; and at no period since its institution has the school been in a better state of discipline, has done more for the education of its pupils, or has had more the confidence of the people of the town. It is to be hoped that when the plans which have been adopted are more fully carried out, and the training in the lower schools is made more thorough, the High School may be brought to an excellency it has not yet reached, and may be able to give a more thorough and comprehensive education to the young than has thus far been possible.

The schools are all well arranged for the present, except the Centre

and Harbor schools. These, owing to the increase of the number of children in the centre of the town and in the vicinity of the harbor, have become too large for the size of the three school rooms, and for the ability of the teachers to teach the children as they ought to be taught. Miss Bates had, in the summer term, forty-nine pupils in a room provided with but thirty-six seats, and in the Harbor School Miss Whittington had thirty-seven in a room no better furnished with seats. The smaller children were crowded on bench es temporarily supplied. Then, as these children must be arranged and taught in four or more distinct classes, on teacher could possibly do justice to them, and give the instruction and training needful. Besides, the faithful performance of the work of such a school is more than should be required of any teacher.

The scholars in the Centre Grammar School also averaged more than forty in a room intended for a smaller number. They must be divided into three or four classes when there should be only two, and it is impossible for them, as the school is at present constituted, to be taught as they ought to be.

To remedy these difficulties, and to bring these schools into the best condition, another room, of about the size of the Grammar School room, should be built on to the back side of the Centre School house, and another school — an intermediate school — should be established in it. This school should consist of two classes, — the first formed of those children who constitute the lowest class of the Grammar School, and the second made up of the children who would otherwise form the first class of the Centre Primary and the Harbor schools.

By this arrangement three crowded school rooms would be relieved of their excessive number of children, three overworked teachers would have their labors made lighter and more pleasant and profitable to their pupils, and the children in the four schools would receive more thorough, systematic, and careful instruction, than it is now possible for them to receive.

The cost of the addition to the Centre School house for the accommodation of the new school, would not probably much exceed thirteen hundred dollars. The town will not certainly refuse the necessary appropriation for the new building, especially as the continued use of the old building has saved the town at least two thousand dollars which a

new Centre school house would have required, in excess of the cost of the changes which have been made in the old house. Should the number of children continue to increase in the centre of the town and around the harbor, another intermediate school might be established in the lower room of the Harbor School house.

Should the new school be established, it will be necessary to increase the appropriation of money for teaching this year only $238, as the school could not be opened before the beginning of the fall term.

Frequent complaints are made by parents of the cost of school books, and yet the time of their children will be wasted at school unless they are properly supplied with books. This difficulty has been in part met by the purchase of supplementary and text books, which are used by class after class, and some of them are exchanged from one school to another. Then I have taken the trouble to purchase some books, geographics and spellers especially, so as to furnish them to the children at the wholesale cost price. It would be good economy for the town, and a great convenience to the schools, if all the text books were purchased and owned by the town. The same books could then be used by successive classes, and the parents would not have to be continually obliged to furnish money to their children to buy school books, nor have large bills for school books to pay in their tax bills. The change need not be made all at once, but gradually; and if the town would vote to authorize it, and appropriate one hundred dollars in addition to the appropriation for the incidental expenses of the schools, a good beginning could be made this year.

We are still troubled with truancy, though the efforts of the truant officers have done something to diminish it. It cannot be entirely remedied till a school is provided for the detention and instruction of truant children. Mr. Morgan has sent in a report of his doings, and seems to have been successful in nearly suppressing truancy in the schools under his care.

I have tried to keep the school buildings in good condition, and to supply what was necessary for the comfort and convenience of the schools. Some repairs more than usual were required in and about the High School building, or Town House. In the South School a new and large stove was placed, as the old stove failed, as it had failed previous

winters, to warm the room sufficiently. All the school houses need to be painted, and the fences of some need to be thoroughly repaired or renewed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
*Superintendent of Schools.*

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| Rev. GRANVILLE YAGER, | *School Committee* |
| J. Q. A. LOTHROP, Esq., | *of* |
| Mr. LEVI N. BATES, | *Cohasset.* |

The foregoing Report of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and adopted by the School Committee as their Report to the town.

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| LEVI N. BATES, | *School Committee.* |
| J. Q. A. LOTHROP, | |
| GRANVILLE YAGER, | |

Cohasset, Feb. 15, 1883.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH

# Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

# FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF COHASSET,

**For the Year Ending, Feb. 1, 1884.**

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND TREASURER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,**

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

ALSO, THE

**Doings at the Several Town Meetings,**

**Report of the votes cast at the State Election in November, 1883,**

AND

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES AND TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

PUBLIC LIBRARY
COHASSET
MASS.

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COHASSET:
PRESS OF COHASSET COTTAGER.
1884.

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# DOINGS OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET

AT THEIR SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR 1883,

*From the Town Records.—Abbreviated.*

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ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 5, 1883.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Q. A. LOTHROP Moderator.

ART. 2. Voted, that the following Reports, viz. :—of the Trustees of the Public Library ; Treasurer of the Public Library ; Selectmen ; Overseers of the Poor ; Treasurer ; Treasurer of the School Committee, and the School Committee, except that portion of the latter report wherein is recommended the building of an addition to the Centre School-house, for the accommodation of an intermediate school, and wherein it is recommended that the Town provide and own all the text books required in the public schools,—be accepted.

ART. 3. Town Officers for the ensuing year elected as follows :

*Town Clerk.*

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

*Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*

ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

*Surveyors of the Highways.*

JAMES PETTEE, THOMAS BATES, AMOS E. TILDEN, JOHN H. MORGAN.

*School Committee for three years.*

LOUIS T. CUSHING.

*Constables.*

EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, ANDREW H. PROUTY, JOHN ROCHE, Jr., JOHN E. GROCE, JAMES S. BEAL, HORATIO G. PRATT,

*Fence Viewers.*

J. Foster Doane, Morgan B. Stetson, Charles F. Allen.

*Field Drivers.*

Amos E. Tilden, Thomas Bates, Thomas Williams.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

Zaccheus Rich, Newcomb B. Tower.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Edward E. Ellms, Walter S. Beal, Morgan B. Stetson.

*Culler of Hoops and Staves.*

George W. Cousens.

*Pound Keeper.*

Isaac H. Young.

*Trustees of the Public Library for three years.*

Edward E. Ellms, Louis T. Cushing, Abraham H. Tower.

Before acting upon the fourth article in the warrant, the following informal votes were passed:—Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to insert in the warrant for the next annual meeting an article, asking the Town if they will accept the provisions of law in regard to the election of Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, as set forth in Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes, Sections 64 and 69; also, to ask if they will elect all the officers required by law to be elected by ballot, upon one ballot.

Art. 4. Voted, that the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars ($16,500) be raised by taxation the current year, and that appropriations be made as follows:—

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| For Payment of Debt, . . . . . | $2,000 |
| Payment of Interest, . . . . . | 1,500 |
| Discount on Taxes, . . . . . | 1,000 |
| Support of the Poor, . . . . . | 5,500 |
| Support of the Schools, . . . . . | 5,700 |
| Repairs of School-houses and Salaries of Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Committee, . . . . . | 800 |
| Removing Snow, . . . . . | 500 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - - - | $17,000 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $17,000 |
| For Watering Jerusalem road, | 400 |
| Repairs of Highways, | 2,500 |
| Town Officers, | 1,100 |
| Fire Department, | 500 |
| Public Library, | 400 |
| Enforcing the License Law, | 200 |
| Miscellaneous, | 500 |
| Total am't appropriated under Fourth Article, | $22,600 |

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and military aid.

Art. 5. Voted, that the Town collect the taxes in the same manner as last year, and that the same discounts be allowed as then.

Art. 6. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards be accepted.

Art. 7. Voted, that the names of Manuel S. Enos, Samuel L. Groce, Frederick L. Lincoln, and Horace J. Damon be stricken, at their request, from the list of jurors, as prepared and posted by the Selectmen, making the list, as accepted by the Town, as follows:

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| Manuel F. Antoine, | George O. Higgins, |
| Frank P. Appleton, | Galen James, |
| Philander Bates, | Charles L. Kittrell, |
| Rufus Bates, Jr., | Louis N. Lincoln, |
| Oliver H. Bates, | Caleb Lincoln, |
| Joseph S. Bigelow, | Thomas Lincoln, |
| Walter S. Beal, | Joseph W. Litchfield, |
| Herbert O. Beale, | A. Bradford Litchfield, |
| Alfred Beal, | Samuel E. Pratt, |
| James S. Beal, | Robert B. Pratt, |
| P. Franklin Burgess, | Aaron Pratt, |
| George W. Cousens, | Ziba C Small, |
| Charles G. Crockett, | Morgan B. Stetson, |
| Orlando Curtis, | Andrew J. Souther, |
| John M. Damon, | Abraham H. Tower, |
| Edward E. Ellms, | Charles H. Willard, |
| Stephen D. Farrar, | Cyrus H. Bates. |

Art. 8. Voted, that the Selectmen cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed on or before the twenty-third day of February next.

Art. 9. Voted, that this Article be divided into three parts, and each acted upon separately.

Voted, that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be raised and appropriated for the improvement of Jerusalem road at Steeprocks.

Voted, that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be raised and appropriated for special repairs on Jerusalem road not already specified, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted, that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) be raised and appropriated for special repairs on Hull street, and for improvement of Straits' Pond. Two hundred dollars of the last named amount to be appropriated for Hull street, and one hundred for Straits' Pond.

Art. 10. Upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the current year, in accordance with Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1881," it was voted "Yes, 110," "No. 69."

Art. 11. Voted, that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year shall be two hundred dollars.

Art. 12. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase for the use of the town a History of Norfolk County.

Art. 13. Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor sell and convey at public auction, the house and land formerly belonging to Philip D. Minot, and after deducting from the proceeds of such sale the town's claim upon the said property, to pay the balance over to the administrator of said estate, and execute a deed.

Art. 14. Voted, that the report of the committee to purchase a Hook and Ladder Truck and Apparatus, and for providing a building for the same, be accepted.

Art. 15. Voted, that the report of the committee to prepare plans and estimates for a Receiving Tomb, be accepted. Voted, that the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000), be raised and appropriated for the construction of the same — that it be built under the direction of the Selectmen, and to be completed on or before the first day of October next.

Art. 16. Voted, that the report of the Selectmen be accepted, whereby they report that nothing has been done to Strait's Pond Bridge during the past year.

Art. 17. Voted, that the town will not authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey a portion of Strait's Pond Flats to M. F. Dickenson, Jr.

Art. 18. Voted, that the matter of a suit for damages, commenced against the town by Martin Beal, be left with the Selectmen, to effect a satisfactory settlement, if possible, and if not possible so to do, they are authorized to employ counsel and stand a suit at law.

Art. 19. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase of Oren R. Beal, a small parcel of land in Strait's Pond at a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Art. 20. Voted, that the matter of building suitable bridges on Doane Street be left with the Selectmen.

Art. 21. Voted, that the Selectmen constitute a committee to make a full report to the town at their next annual meeting, under a special article in the Warrant, of contemplated improvements of the Town Hall, and the estimated cost of the same.

Art. 22. Voted, to pass over this article.

Art. 23. Voted, that the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75.00), be raised and appropriated to build Fish-ways, and make other improvements for the benefit of the herring fisheries.

Art. 24. Voted, that the sum of fifty dollars ($50.00), be raised and appropriated to decorate the sailors' and soldiers' graves.

Art. 25. Voted, that the matter of raising the wages of men and teams employed upon the highways be left to the Selectmen.

Art. 26. Voted, to pass over this article.

Art. 27. Voted, to pass over this article.

After passing the customary vote of thanks to the Moderator for services rendered, the meeting was dissolved.

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At a meeting of the Selectmen, held March 8, 1883, the following appointments were made:

Newcomb B. Tower, Clerk of the Board of Selectmen.

Louis N. Lincoln, Aaron Pratt and J. Q. A. Lothrop, Auctioneers.

Zaccheus Rich, Edward E. Wentworth, Samuel E. Pratt and Alden Beal, Firewards.

Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Zaccheus Rich, Undertaker.

Winfield S. Creed, Weigher of Coal.

## TOWN MEETING, MAY 28, 1883.

Article 1. J. Q. A. Lothrop was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted, that the Selectmen are hereby instructed to appear at the hearing before the County Commissioners, on the petition of Matthew Luce, and forty-eight others, and favor the laying out and construction of a new highway from Jerusalem Road to Atlantic Avenue. Voted, that if the Commissioners conclude to lay out the said highway, the Selectmen are to request the said Commissioners to allow the town two years in which to build it.

Art. 3. Voted, that the town authorize the Selectmen of Cohasset to sell and convey by quit-claim deed, a portion of Strait's Pond Flats to M. F. Dickenson, Jr., inclosed agreeable to a plan of survey herewith of said Dickenson, Jr., so far westerly as Welcome Beal's land — the town excepting and reserving one hundred feet in length on front, at a place agreed upon by the Selectmen and said Dickenson, Jr. to be a suitable place on front to drive horses and carriages from street down to water, and for persons on foot. No buildings to be placed on said land. And said Dickenson, Jr. to grade off the whole surface of one hundred feet reserved land that will be safe to pass over. All the above for the consideration of one dollar, and all demands and accounts said Dickenson, Jr. has against the town of Cohasset, of all kinds, name or nature, whatsoever, up to date. Also, Voted, that the aforesaid premises be conveyed to M. F. Dickenson, Jr., subject to an easement of the town to take and use any portion of said premises for a town building site, said site to be selected at the westerly end of the granted premises.

Art. 4. Voted, that the matter of moving the Jerusalem School-house be left with the School Committee, Selectmen and Superintendent of Schools, of this town, with full powers to act to the best of their judgment, and for what they may consider for the interest of the town and school. And said school-house shall not be moved unless the same be done without cost to the town.

Art. 5. Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to cause a survey of Strait's Pond Flats, and a plan from said survey to be made, and have each owner's lot bordering on said flats show on said plan; and where parties, if any, are draining into the pond from their dwellings or stables; also, have it show all the parties, if any, who are claiming or extending their lots into said pond beyond

their line. And if said plan and survey show that any person or persons are unlawfully, and without proper and good title, claiming, holding and occupying any of said flats belonging to the town, the Selectmen are hereby authorized and instructed to make a settlement with all such, by the parties paying the town for the land and flats a reasonable sum, to be determined by the Selectmen. The Selectmen to give to each party paying, a deed, signed and executed by them in behalf of the town of Cohasset. And if any persons are draining into the pond the Selectmen are hereby authorized and instructed to forthwith stop the same. And if any parties that claim a portion of the flats belonging to the town, refuse to pay, the Selectmen are hereby authorized, in behalf of the town, to commence a suit at law for the recovery of the flats, or an equivalent in money, if they, the Selectmen, in their judgment, deem it expedient.

Art. 6. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to employ night watchmen, if they deem it necessary, and that the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00), be appropriated for that purpose.

Art. 7. Voted, to pass over this article.

Art. 8. Voted, that the Selectmen purchase for the use of the town, two lots in the Beechwood Cemetery.

Art. 9. Voted, that a committee, consisting of Aaron Pratt, Horace J. Damon, Edwin Bates, and the Selectmen, be appointed to procure plans and estimates of the cost of a Receiving Tomb for the Beechwood Cemetery, and report at the next annual town meeting.

Art. 10. Voted, that the sum of fifty dollars ($50), be appropriated for special repairs upon Border Street, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 11. Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to sell the Philip D. Minot property at private sale, at a price to be not less than the town's claim upon said property.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

The list of enrolled Militia in the town of Cohasset, May 1, 1883, contains three hundred and twenty names.

There were one hundred and eleven dogs licensed during 1883, of which one hundred and two were males, and nine were females.

## ELECTION RECORD OF TOWN OF COHASSET.

### November 6, 1883.

#### For Governor.

Whole number of ballots, 388.

| | |
|---|---|
| George D. Robinson, of Chicopee, had | 234 |
| Benjamin F. Butler, of Lowell, | 145 |
| Charles Almy, of New Bedford, | 9 |

#### For Lieutenant Governor.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Oliver Ames, of Easton, had | 248 |
| James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield, | 132 |
| John Blackmer, of Springfield, | 9 |

#### For Secretary.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, had | 248 |
| Charles Marsh, of Springfield, | 132 |
| Solomon F. Root, of Douglas, | 9 |

#### For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Daniel A. Gleason, of Medford, had | 248 |
| Charles H. Ingalls, of North Adams, | 132 |
| Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton, | 9 |

#### For Auditor.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, had | 248 |
| John Hopkins, of Millbury, | 132 |
| Jonathan Buck, of Gloucester, | 9 |

#### For Attorney General.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Edgar F. Sherman, of Lawrence, had | 248 |
| John W. Cummings, of Fall River, | 132 |
| Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden, | 9 |

For Councillor.— First District.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford, had | 248 |
| Thomas B. Chase, of Harwich, | 132 |
| Perley M. Griffin, of East Bridgewater, | 9 |

For County Commissioner.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| John Q. A. Field, of Quincy, had | 242 |
| Zachariah L. Bicknell, of Weymouth, | 138 |
| Alfred Clark, of Franklin, | 9 |

For Special Commissioners.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Benjamin F. Baker, of Brookline, had | 242 |
| George P. Morey, of Walpole, | 242 |
| John S. Folsom, of Medway, | 138 |
| George Sanford, of Hyde Park, | 138 |
| Horace W. Mann, of Walpole, | 9 |
| Joseph Dixon, of Foxboro', | 9 |

For Commissioners of Insolvency.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| George W. Wiggin, of Franklin, had | 242 |
| Emery Grover, of Needham, | 242 |
| Robert W. Carpenter, of Foxboro', | 242 |
| John Everett, of Canton, | 138 |
| Sigourney Butler, of Quincy, | 138 |
| Herbert C. Shaw, of Needham, | 138 |
| William H. Howe, of Franklin, | 9 |
| Joshua B. Hanners, of Walpole, | 9 |
| Otis H. Martin, of Foxboro', | 9 |

For Register of Probate and Insolvency.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Jonathan Cobb, of Dedham, had | 380 |
| Charles W. Hodges, of Foxboro', | 9 |

For Sheriff.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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| Rufus C. Wood, of Dedham, had | 380 |
| Hubbard M. Bullock, of Franklin, | 9 |

For District Attorney.— Southeastern District.

Whole number of ballots, 388.

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|---|---|
| Everett C. Bumpus, of Quincy, had | 256 |
| Otis L. Bonney, of Hanson, | 132 |

For Senator.— Second Plymouth District.

Whole number of ballots, 389.

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|---|---|
| Horace Reed, of South Abington, had | 242 |
| Edgar E. Dean, of Brockton, | 138 |
| Richard W. Harlow, of Brockton, | 9 |

For Representative.— Second Plymouth District.

Whole number of ballots, 388.

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|---|---|
| Charles E. Brown, of Scituate, had | 228 |
| John B. Peirce, of Scituate, | 151 |
| John H. Young, of Scituate, | 9 |

The vote of the Second Plymouth District, for Representative, November 6, 1883, was as follows:

| | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles E. Brown, of Scituate, | 232 | 217 | 228 | 677 |
| John B. Peirce, of Scituate, | 211 | 136 | 151 | 498 |
| John B. Pierce, of Scituate, | 4 | | | 4 |
| John H. Young, of Scituate, | 16 | 4 | 9 | 29 |

Charles E. Brown, of Scituate, having a plurality of votes returned, was elected, and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian of the Cohasset Free Public Library herewith presents his fourth annual report to the Board of Trustees.

The Library has been opened every library day for the entire year.

The whole number of books taken out 9,579; largest delivery, Feb. 28, 179; smallest delivery, Jan. 2, 19. Number of registered borrowers to date, 835. Number of books added the past year, by donation, 177, by purchase, 94, by binding, 28. Number of books in the Library, 3,340. Number of pamphlets, 54.

Donors of books the past year: Geo. Howe, Mr. Brennock, E. Antoine, E. M. Bates, Miss B. Hincks, Waldo Higginson, W. W. Clapp, General Government and State.

Classification of reading the past year:

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|---|---|
| History and Biography | 370 |
| Travels and Geography | 399 |
| Religion and Temperance | 43 |
| Science and Art | 50 |
| Fiction and Juveniles | 7524 |
| Literature and Poetry | 100 |
| Agriculture and Horticulture | 41 |
| Magazines | 1052 |
| | 9579 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BATES, *Librarian.*

COHASSET, Jan. 31, 1884.

COHASSET, Feb. 9, 1884.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day, the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer were presented and accepted, and it was voted to ask the Town to appropriate the sum of $350 for the Library the coming year.

A. H. TOWER, *Secretary pro tem.*

# Dr. Cohasset Free Public Library in Acct. with

1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| To Balance Acct. Crt. Jan. 31, 1883, | $2 75 |
| Covering Paper and Slips, | 7 50 |
| Purchasing Books, | 96 88 |
| Renewing Insurance, | 30 00 |
| Barker, Painting, | 7 14 |
| Tilden, Shelves, | 32 72 |
| Oil, | 1 72 |
| Express, | 8 05 |
| 2,000 Labels, | 3 00 |
| Cleaning Library, | 7 00 |
| Chimney, | 10 |
| 300 Catalogues, | 20 00 |
| Binding Books, | 27 47 |
| Subscription to Magazines, | 42 03 |
| Librarian, | 150 00 |
| Balance due Library, | 6 27 |
| | $442 63 |

## John W. Bates, Treasurer. Cr.

1884.

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| By Town Appropriation, | $400 00 |
| Three Subscribers from Scituate, | 3 00 |
| Cash from Levi Tower, Jr., Summer Resident, | 5 00 |
| Interest on Deposit, | 5 30 |
| Cash, Annual Subscribers, | 3 00 |
| Fines, | 17 08 |
| Sales, Cards, | 5 50 |
| Sales, Catalogues, | 2 75 |
| | $442 63 |

JOHN W. BATES, *Treasurer.*

COHASSET, January 31, 1884.

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1884, AND THE FINANCIAL CONDITION, SAME DATE.

## Removing Snow from Streets and Sidewalks.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Stephen P. Lincoln, . . . | $ 8 00 | |
| Levi L. Warrick, Jr., and others, . | 21 50 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt " " . . | 108 45 | |
| Amos E. Tilden " " . . | 104 25 | |
| Thomas Bates " " . . | 30 70 | |
| James Pettee " " . . | 88 62 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden " " . . | 131 75 | |
| John H. Morgan " " . . | 33 25 | |
| Alden Beal " " . . | 35 00 | |
| William O. Souther and others, . . | 63 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, plough and repairs, | 47 75 | |
| | | $642 27 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | 500 00 |
| Exceeded the Appropriation, . . . | | $142 27 |

## Fire Department.

HOSE CARRIAGE ON JERUSALEM ROAD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Hunneman & Co., carriage and fixtures, . . . . . | $292 68 | |
| Alfred Beal, rope, . . . . | 2 21 | |
| Three Hosemen, poll-taxes, . . | 6 00 | |
| | | $300 89 |

FIRE ENGINE.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Thirty-six Firemen, poll-taxes, . . | $72 00 | |
| James Boyd & Sons, hose, . . | 180 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, spanner and seat, | 24 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $276 50 | |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $276 50 | |
| Paid Beal's Express, . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . . | 1 94 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., oil, . . . | 20 | |
| Thomas Beal, straps, . . . | 3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, oil, . . . . | 85 | |
| Daniel W. Pratt, glazing, . . . | 1 90 | |
| Saumuel D. Tower, painting, &c., . | 8 00 | |
| Gross & Nichols, oil and putty, . | 3 85 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 1 81 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires, . | 9 00 | |
| | | $308 55 |

HOOK AND LADDER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, horses to fires, . | $5 50 | |
| Frank W. Brown, oil, . . . | 75 | |
| Catherine Gardner, cleaning, . . | 1 20 | |
| | | $7 45 |

WATCHING FIRES IN THE WOODS AND MEADOWS.

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|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Mulcahy, . . . . . | $3 00 |
| John O'Brien, . . . . . | 7 00 |
| John Keating, . . . . . | 7 00 |
| William B. Nichols, . . . . . | 3 00 |
| Arthur Studley, . . . . . | 12 00 |
| Andrew J. Souther, . . . . . | 9 00 |
| John Howard, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Thomas D. Blossom, . . . . | 4 00 |
| Harry C. Mapes, Jr., . . . . | 4 00 |
| Harry Parker, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| David O'Ryan, . . . . . | 8 00 |
| John Tisdale, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| —— Smith, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Levi Lincoln, . . . . . | 1 00 |
| Daniel L. Wood, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Benjamin H. Crane, . . . . . | 4 00 |
| J. Loring Litchfield, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| John Manuel, . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Herbert A. Beal, . . . . . | 4 50 |
| Alden Beal, . . . . . | 9 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $115 50 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $115 50 | |
| Paid Henry Nichols, . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Antoine Sidney, . . . . | 8 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Rufus Bates, Jr., . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Walter S. Beal, . . . . | 19 50 | |
| William B. Taylor, . . . . | 26 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, . . . . | 2 00 | |
| Peter L. Battles, . . . . | 9 00 | |
| George L. Litchfield, . . . | 9 00 | |
| E. F. Powers, . . . . | 18 00 | |
| E. M. Cronican, . . , . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . | 9 50 | |
| Leon Johnson, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Herbert Wood, . . . . | 7 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, . . . . | 2 00 | |
| Frank Litchfield, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| A. W. Litchfield, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Osgood Eaton, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| L. A. Bates, refreshments, . . | 2 40 | |
| | | $269 80 |
| Total of Fire Department,. . . . | | $885 79 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | 500 00 |
| Exceeded the Appropriation, . . . | | $385 79 |

HOOK AND LADDER BUILDING AND TRUCK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Zaccheus Rich, contract, house, | $750 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, contract, truck, | 365 00 |
| Edward Nichols, plan, . . . | 7 50 |
| John D. Souther & Co., furniture, . | 25 55 |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 5 75 |
| Samuel Bates, stove and lamps, . | 41 79 |
| Samuel D. Tower, painting sign, . | 10 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, irons for sign, . | 35 |
| Zaccheus Rich, extra and on sign, . | 17 51 |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber for sign, . | 1 61 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $1,225 06 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $1,225 06 | |
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, broom, etc., . | 80 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, services as committee, | 5 00 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, " " | 5 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, " " | 5 00 | |
| | | $1,240 86 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | 1,200 00 |
| Exceeded the Appropriation, . . . | | $40 86 |

## Receiving Tomb.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James W. Holland, contract, | $990 00 | |
| James W. Holland, extra work, | 149 50 | |
| Edward Nichols, plan and specifications, | 30 00 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, easing doors, | 2 50 | |
| | | $1,172 00 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | 1,000 00 |
| Exceeded the Appropriation, . . . | | $172 00 |
| Estimated amount due from Cemetery Association, | | 90 00 |

## Watering Jerusalem Road.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Alden Beal, . . . . . | $400 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, expenses, etc., . | 5 00 | |
| | | $405 00 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | $400 00 | |
| Received from last year's subscription, . | 55 00 | |
| | $455 00 | |
| Unexpended balance, . . . . | | 50 00 |
| | | $455 00 |

## Straits Pond.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Nutter, Barnes & Co., machinery for gate, | $75 00 | |
| Oren R. Beal, land, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Alfred Beal, care of gate, and oil, . | 53 60 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 2 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $170 00 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | 100 00 |
| Amount due from town of Hull for gravel, estimated, | | 15 62 |
| Amount due from McCum & Davis, " | | 9 00 |
| | | $124 62 |

## Repairs on Highways.

JOHN H. MORGAN, Surveyor.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John H. Morgan, labor, . . . | $74 54 |
| Andrew J. Arnold, labor and team, . | 7 00 |
| John W. Bates, 2d, " " . | 16 63 |
| William W. Bates, " " . | 6 50 |
| Elmer E. Bates, " " . | 5 95 |
| Lot W. Bates, " " . | 9 75 |
| George Conley, " " . | 3 50 |
| Horace J. Damon, " " . | 7 75 |
| John A. Dyer, " " . | 7 50 |
| William N. Damon, " " . | 6 00 |
| Horatio G. Pratt, " " . | 12 25 |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " " . | 7 50 |
| George W. Pratt, " " . | 7 00 |
| Aaron Pratt, " " . | 12 00 |
| Manuel Silva, " " . | 7 00 |
| William T. Whitcomb, " " . | 12 35 |
| Joseph Whitcomb, " " . | 10 00 |
| William Wood, " " . | 7 00 |
| Ellen Wood, team, . . . . | 2 63 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $222 85 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $222 | 85 |
| Paid George E. Ainslie, labor, . . . | 5 | 26 |
| Antoine Avellar, " . . . | 6 | 63 |
| Daniel Arnold, " . . . | 3 | 50 |
| William P. Arnold, " . . . | | 88 |
| Manuel Avellar, " . . . | 5 | 00 |
| Joseph J. Brook, " . . . | 3 | 50 |
| Harry Burbank, " . . . | 1 | 75 |
| Warren Bates, " . . . | 1 | 75 |
| Frank Burgess, " . . . | 1 | 50 |
| Benjamin H. Crane, " . . . | | 40 |
| John Keating, " . . . | 5 | 97 |
| Charles Dyer, " . . . | 4 | 36 |
| Frank Frates, Jr., " . . . | 5 | 00 |
| Frank Frates, " . . . | 4 | 40 |
| Samuel Hardwick, " . . . | 10 | 25 |
| Alfred Haskell, " . . . | 1 | 75 |
| Antoine Joseph, " . . . | 3 | 50 |
| Thomas Kinsley, " . . . | 1 | 00 |
| Foster Litchfiield, " . . . | 7 | 00 |
| Robert Leavitt, " . . . | | 88 |
| Western Litchfield, " . . . | 3 | 10 |
| Hiram C. Litchfield, " . . . | 2 | 97 |
| Silas Litchfield, " . . . | 1 | 50 |
| George Litchfield, " . . . | 14 | 25 |
| A. Bradford Litchfield, labor, . . | 1 | 75 |
| George F. Munnies, " . . | 7 | 12 |
| Harvey Morris, " . . | | 88 |
| Asahel F. Nott, " . . | 2 | 50 |
| George Pratt, " . . | | 88 |
| Moses Pratt, " . . | 10 | 80 |
| George F. Sargent, " . . | 3 | 75 |
| Charles H. Williston, " . . | 7 | 00 |
| Lewis L. Wheelwright, " . . | 1 | 75 |
| L. L. Wheelwright, Jr., " . . | 5 | 75 |
| Osborn Wood, " . . | | 75 |
| Frank Wheelwright, " . . | 5 | 25 |
| Herbert Whitcomb, " . . | | 87 |
| Edward E. Wentworth, " . . | 3 | 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $371 | 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $371 00 | |
| Paid Edward H. Arnold, gravel, . . | 9 00 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " . . | 1 00 | |
| Hosea U. Wood, " . . | 6 85 | |
| Sarah Everett, " . . | 4 65 | |
| Aaron Pratt, " . . | 1 00 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 6 50 | |
| | | $400 00 |

THOMAS BATES, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates, labor and team, . | $70 00 | |
| Galen James, " " . | 40 00 | |
| John Bates, 2d, " " . | 67 28 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " . | 32 50 | |
| Rufus White, " " . | 32 50 | |
| Edward M. Cronican, labor, . . | 7 22 | |
| John H. O'Brien, " . . | 6 37 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . | 16 82 | |
| John Barnes, " . . | 19 14 | |
| Jesse Barnes, " . . | 15 00 | |
| Alonzo L. Palmer, " . . | 17 50 | |
| James Sweeney, " . . | 2 50 | |
| Patrick O'Keef, " . . | 50 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, " . . | 4 67 | |
| Thomas L. Bates, " . . | 35 00 | |
| John L. Morey, gravel, . . . | 5 28 | |
| Thomas Bates, " . . . | 50 72 | |
| | | $425 00 |

JAMES PETTEE, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and teams, . | $137 31 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . | 57 75 | |
| Matthew Mulvey, labor and teams, . | 2 75 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, labor, . . . | 34 12 | |
| Isaac Phinney, " . . . | 57 50 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . . | 42 75 | |
| James O'Brien, " . . . | 18 37 | |
| John Doland, " . . . | 73 50 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . . | 14 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $438 55 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $438 55 | |
| Paid John F. Taylor, labor, . . . | 2 00 | |
| Matthew Mulhern, " . . . | 50 | |
| Thomas Roche, sharpening tools, . | 4 50 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, gravel, . . . | 20 25 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., drain pipe, . . | 4 20 | |
| White & Morse, gravel screen, . . | 9 00 | |
| | | $475 00 |

AMOS E. TILDEN, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, . | $99 82 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " . | 15 75 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 21 60 | |
| Joseph Jason, " " . | 22 88 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 47 68 | |
| John Howard, " . . | 38 52 | |
| Michael O'Connell, " . . | 11 50 | |
| William J. Brennock, " . . | 39 01 | |
| Henry Brennock, " . . | 39 26 | |
| George M. Eunice, " . . | 30 20 | |
| Antoine Sidney, " . . | 20 13 | |
| William Enos, " . . | 9 18 | |
| Matthew Haley, " . . | 6 89 | |
| Frank Antoine, " . . | 3 50 | |
| George Taylor, " . . | 5 70 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor and stock, . | 6 00 | |
| William St. John, gravel, . . . | 36 00 | |
| Edward E. Tower, " . . . | 15 62 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, " . . . | 1 05 | |
| Otis Mott, " . . . | 45 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, . . | 1 75 | |
| William Eddy, " . . | 48 | |
| C. James Pratt, tools, . . . | 1 00 | |
| | | $473 97 |

## Selectmen, Surveyors.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Richard Wells, gravel and labor, 1882, | $13 | 50 |
| Lot W. Bates, sidewalk Beechwood St., | 10 | 00 |
| Lot W. Bates, man and team, . . | 34 | 25 |
| Edwin Bates, labor, . . . | 13 | 00 |
| Joseph J. Brooks, labor, . . | 14 | 00 |
| Francisco Frates, " . . . | 12 | 00 |
| Edward W. Bates, " . . . | 6 | 12 |
| Foster Litchfield, " . . . | 5 | 25 |
| Frank Frates, " . . . | 1 | 75 |
| Joseph W. Whitcomb," . . . | | 88 |
| Silas Bates, " . . . | | 88 |
| William W. Bates, labor and team, . | 22 | 75 |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " . | 69 | 13 |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " . | 23 | 62 |
| Joseph Jason, " " . | 27 | 12 |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 22 | 63 |
| Michael O'Connell, labor, . . | 4 | 00 |
| Matthew Haley, " . . . | 5 | 25 |
| John Howard, " . . . | 24 | 07 |
| George M. Eunice, " . . . | 9 | 20 |
| William J. Brennock, " . . . | 11 | 51 |
| George W. Cousens, " . . . | 49 | 00 |
| Henry Brennock, " . . . | 13 | 14 |
| John W. Brennock, " . . . | 2 | 63 |
| William Enos, " . . . | 1 | 75 |
| Manuel Antone, " . . . | 5 | 69 |
| Frank Antone, " . . . | 4 | 82 |
| Antone Sidney, " . . . | 4 | 38 |
| George Taylor, " . . . | 5 | 26 |
| Antone L. Joseph, " . . . | 1 | 75 |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | | 75 |
| Edward E. Tower, " . . . | 19 | 95 |
| Lawrence Barrett, " . . . | 11 | 55 |
| Thomas D. Blossom, seaweed, . . | | 50 |
| John H. Morgan, labor, Doane St., . | 26 | 38 |
| William T. Whitcomb, labor, Doane St., | 1 | 75 |
| Charles H. Williston, " " " | 1 | 75 |
| Frank Wheelwright, " " " | 1 | 75 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $483 | 71 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $483 71 | |
| Paid William P. Arnold, labor, Doane St., | 3 50 | |
| Caleb Lincoln, labor and team, Doane St., | 10 00 | |
| George Conley, " " " " | 6 75 | |
| George W. Pratt, " " " " | 3 50 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " " " " | 5 00 | |
| George Litchfield, " " " " | 3 50 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, " " " " | 15 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, gravel, . . | 1 05 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " . . | 3 60 | |
| Frank Frates, labor, . . . | 2 00 | |
| William W. Apts, labor, . . . | 88 | |
| Samuel Hardwick, " . . . | 13 88 | |
| Joseph W. Whitcomb, labor, . . | 7 50 | |
| Edward Bates, " . . | 1 75 | |
| John J. A. Pratt, " . . | 1 50 | |
| Joseph J. Brooks, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Irvin Lincoln, " . . | 75 | |
| Charles Dyer, " . . | 75 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, " . . | 1 75 | |
| Austin Lincoln, " . . | 88 | |
| Antone Avellar, " . . | 7 88 | |
| Horace J. Damon, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Otis Litchfield, " . . | 53 | |
| H. Gore & Co., material and paving, | 90 00 | |
| Daniel B. Lincoln, . . . . | 1 75 | |
| Thomas Bates and others, sidewalks &c., | 83 50 | |
| Manuel Gracia, labor, Cove bridge, . | 2 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 23 20 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, . . | 3 78 | |
| Joseph Battles, railng S. M. St., . | 2 00 | |
| John Howard, " " " . | 3 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, " " " . | 23 00 | |
| Daniel W. Pratt, painting, . . | 14 62 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, drain pipe, Labor etc., . . . . . | 58 35 | |
| | | $894 11 |
| Amount expended on Highways, . . . . | | 2668 08 |
| " appropriated, . . . . . | | 2550 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | $118 08 |

## Special Repairs on Streets.

### Jerusalem Road and Hull Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Warren Bates, labor and team, | $72 35 | |
| William Mulvey, labor, " | 21 85 | |
| Charles B. Barnes, " " | 37 78 | |
| Thomas Reidy, Jr., " | 32 78 | |
| Eben James, " | 31 35 | |
| Joseph F. Silver, " | 34 68 | |
| Manuel Gracia, " | 32 03 | |
| Thomas Gracia, " | 36 30 | |
| James O'Brien, " | 13 78 | |
| John Cook, " | 19 48 | |
| Howland A. Hunt, " | 6 18 | |
| Galen James, " | 3 80 | |
| John N. Cook, " | 32 78 | |
| Hosea Cushing, " | 5 23 | |
| William J. Earl, " | 30 90 | |
| Manuel Silver, " | 11 40 | |
| Anthony Clark, " | 3 00 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, &c., | 50 88 | |
| Thomas Roche, sharpening drills, | 25 00 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, | 11 50 | |
| James Pettee, labor and team, | 124 02 | |
| Richard H. Priest, team and gravel, | 27 50 | |
| Richard Wells, " " | 43 25 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " | 15 00 | |
| Alden Beal, labor and team, | 69 50 | |
| William Mulvey, " " | 42 00 | |
| John Doland, " | 83 87 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " | 37 62 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " | 67 50 | |
| Isaac Phinney, " | 67 50 | |
| Manuel Gracia, " | 5 00 | |
| Thomas Gracia, " | 2 50 | |
| Ephraim Lincoln, " | 1 50 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, &c., | 9 00 | |
| Frank H. Nichols, sharpening drills, | 4 25 | |
| Chapman Valve Co., hydrants, | 60 00 | |
| Hingham Water Co., water for hydrants, | 75 00 | |
| " " " expense on " | 24 32 | |
| | | $1,272 38 |
| Appropriation, | | 1,200 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, | | $72 38 |

## Fish Ways.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Arthur S. Bates, labor, . . . . | $20 00 | |
| Lewis L. Wheelwright, Jr., labor, . | 15 00 | |
| Joseph Silva, labor, . . . . . | 17 50 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, labor, . . . . | 20 00 | |
| James B. Lincoln, " . . . . | 15 00 | |
| | | $87 50 |
| Due from the Town of Scituate, . . . . . | | 37 50 |
| | | 50 00 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | $75 00 |

## Printing.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. M. A. Twitchell & Co., Town Reports, &c., . . . . . | $169 97 | |
| Cohasset Cottager, notices, . . . . | 17 00 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, " . . . . | 54 54 | |
| | | $241 47 |
| Appropriated, . . . . . | | 200 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . . . | | $41 47 |

## School Appropriation.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi N. Bates, Treasurer of School Committee, | $6,500 00 |

School Books.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Edward E. Ellms, . . . . . | $17 15 |

## State and County Tax.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, . . . . . | $2,715 00 | |
| County Tax, . . . . . | 2,089 70 | |
| | | $4,804 70 |

## Town Hall.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Abington Insurance Co., . . . . | $15 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, stores, &c., . . . . | 11 96 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, . . . . | 2 00 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, " . . . . | 2 50 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of Hall, . . | 17 00 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., wood, . . . . | 5 50 | |
| | | $53 96 |
| Income from Town Hall, . . . . | | 43 50 |

## Public Library.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John W. Bates, Treasurer, . . . . . | $400 00 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | $400 00 |

## Henry Bryant Post G. A. R.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid William F. Thayer, Treasurer, . . . . . | $50 00 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | 50 00 |

## State and Military Aid.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . | $48 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Thomas Williston,. . . . . | 72 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Harriet J. Apts, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . . | 36 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, . . . . . | 36 00 | |
| George Arnold, . . . . . | 24 00 | |
| Julia F. Henry, . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Joseph Munnies, . . . . . | 145 00 | |
| Oliver Henderson, . . . . . | 28 00 | |
| James Rooney, Jr., . . . . . | 72 00 | |
| John G. Hayden, . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| William F. Harris, Jr., . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, . . . . . | 103 99 | |
| Stephen P. Lincoln, . . . . . | 24 00 | |
| Oliver D. Morey, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Isaac Phinney, . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| | | $866 99 |
| Amount reimbursed by the State, . . . . | | 608 00 |

## Abatement of Taxes.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1880, . . | $114 84 | |
| " " " " 1881, . . | 173 25 | |
| " " " " 1882, . . | 99 26 | |
| " " " " 1883, . . | 251 27 | |
| | | $638 62 |

## Interest and Discount.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for Interest in 1883, . . . . | $1,299 14 | |
| " " Discount " " . . . . . | 1,010 30 | |
| | | $2,309 44 |
| Amount appropriated for interest, . . | $1,500 00 | |
| " " " discount, . . | 1,000 00 | |
| | | $2,500 00 |

## Expenses on Liquor Cases.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid M. B. Fernald, services in 1882, . | $15 00 | |
| Horatio G. Pratt, " as constable, | 27 00 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, " " " . | 25 00 | |
| " " counsel fees, . | 25 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, . . . . . | 5 25 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $102 25 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | 200 00 |

## Liquor Licenses.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State's portion of Licenses, . . | | $86 19 |
| Amount received from C. G. Crocket, . | $250 00 | |
| " " " H. U. Wood, . | 92 75 | |
| " " " F. W. Brown, . | 1 00 | |
| | | $343 75 |

## Beal's Case.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | $19 00 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . . | 5 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, . . . . . | 44 59 | |
| Philander Bates, services and expenses, . . . . . | 11 45 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, services and expenses, . . . . . | 8 00 | |
| | | $88 04 |

No appropriation.

## Town Officers.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, | $206 70 | |
| Philander Bates, " " " . | 165 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " " " . | 200 00 | |
| Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector, . . . . . | 200 00 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, Town Clerk, . | 35 00 | |
| Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Horatio G. Pratt, Constable, . . | 22 00 | |
| Andrew H. Prouty, " . . | 18 00 | |
| John E. Groce, " . . | 25 00 | |
| Edward E. Wentworth, " . . | 25 00 | |
| John Roche, Jr., . . . . . | 17 50 | |
| | | $964 20 |
| Appropriation, . . . . . | | 900 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation . . . | | $64 20 |

## Miscellaneous.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Solomon J. Hayden, distributing reports, . . . . . | $4 00 |
| E. Howard, repairs town clock, . | 7 25 |
| J. H. Burdakin, record of deed and copies, . . . . . | 21 69 |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 19 50 |
| Luke Rideout, stone trough, . . | 55 00 |
| Ann Thomas, cleaning offices, . . | 6 00 |
| Herbert L. Brown, repairs on pumps, | 2 00 |
| Samuel Bates, pump and repairs . | 19 38 |
| Thomas W. Whitcomb, damage to horse, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Horatio G. Pratt, damage to horse, . | 25 00 |
| Estate of F. L. Damon, constable, 1882, . . . . . | 2 55 |
| H. A. Davis, Inspector Weights and Measures, . . . . . | 7 10 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | $194 47 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | $194 47 |
| Paid C. M. A. Twitchell & Co., binding books, . . . . . | 6 25 |
| Ira B. Pratt, Treas., burial lots, . | 45 00 |
| Peter C. Kimball, entertainment of County and Harbor Commissioners, | 31 50 |
| Gross and Nichols, County Commissioners, . . . . . | 7 64 |
| Gross and Nichols, postage and stationery, . . . . . | 27 67 |
| C. W. Sparrell, return of deaths, . | 1 50 |
| Zaccheus Rich, " " " . . | 6 50 |
| J. B. Harvey, " " births, . | 2 25 |
| Newcomb B. Tower, recording births, marriages and deaths, . . . | 32 65 |
| Charles C. Smith, entertaining travellers, . . . . . | 5 25 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock and ringing bell, . . . . . | 30 00 |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire, County Commissioner, . . . . | 2 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, County Commissioner, . . . . | 12 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, Harbor Commissioner, . . . . | 4 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, Selectmen, . . . . . | 23 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, Assessors, . . . . . | 6 00 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, pump, . | 50 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs on pumps, | 5 25 |
| Daniel W. Pratt, painting pump and sign, . . . . . | 2 50 |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs on pump, | 75 |
| Samuel D. Tower, repairs on hearse, | 2 25 |
| Andrew H. Prouty, services as watchman, &c., . . . . . | 25 50 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of lockup and tramps, . . . . . | 15 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $489 43 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $489 43 | |
| Paid Caleb F. Nichols, soap and soda, . | 28 | |
| Abington Ins. Co., Int. school house, | 3 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, Co. & H. Com'r, | 12 15 | |
| Philander Bates, " " | 10 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " " | 10 00 | |
| | | $524 86 |
| Appropriation for miscellaneous, . . | $500 00 | |
| " " night watchman, . . | 200 00 | |
| | | $700 00 |

## Recapitulation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To removing snow, . . . . . | $642 27 | |
| Fire Department, . . . . . | 885 79 | |
| Hook and Ladder, . . . . . | 1,240 86 | |
| Receiving Tomb, . . . . . | 1,172 00 | |
| Watering Jerusalem Road, . . | 405 00 | |
| Straits Pond, . . . . . | 170 00 | |
| Repairs of highways, . . . . . | 2,668 08 | |
| " Jerusalem and Hull sts., . | 1,272 38 | |
| Fish-ways, . . . . . | 87 50 | |
| Printing, . . . . . | 241 47 | |
| School appropriation, . . . . | 6,500 00 | |
| " books, . . . . . | 17 15 | |
| State and County taxes, . . . . | 4,804 70 | |
| Town Hall, . . . . . | 53 96 | |
| Public Library, . . . . . | 400 00 | |
| Henry Bryant Post, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| State and military aid, . . . . | 866 99 | |
| Abatement of taxes, . . . . . | 638 62 | |
| Interest and discount, . . . . | 2,309 44 | |
| Liquor cases, . . . . . | 102 25 | |
| " licenses, . . . . . | 86 19 | |
| Beal's case, . . . . . | 88 04 | |
| Town officers, . . . . . | 964 20 | |
| Miscellaneous, and watchman, . . | 524 86 | |
| Overseers of the Poor, . . . . | 7,020 16 | |
| | | $33,211 91 |

## Financial Condition of the Town,

FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

FUNDED DEBT. (Issue of May 1, 1876.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Savings Bank, 7 Notes, due 1884, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, | | $7,000 00 |

FUNDED DEBT. (Issue of April 15, 1878.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| James Wilson. | Note due 1884, . . | $1,000 | |
| James W. Nichols. | " 1885, . . | 1,000 | |
| Ira B. Pratt. | " 1886, . . | 500 | |
| W. W. Clapp. | " 1886, . . | 500 | |
| James W. Nichols. | " 1887, . . | 1,000 | |
| W. W. Clapp. 3 | " 1888, 1889, 1890, | 3,000 | |
| | | | $7,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Martha T. Bates. 1 Note, . . . | $1,000 | |
| A. H. Tower, trustee "Lothrop Heirs," . | 3,700 | |
| Cohasset Savings Bank. 2 Notes, . . | 5,000 | |
| | | $9,700 00 |
| Total interest bearing debt, . . . | | $23,700 00 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due from State, for State and Military Aid, | $608 00 | |
| State, for State paupers, . . | 92 28 | |
| Town of Scituate, . . . | 190 11 | |
| " Hingham, . . . | 126 00 | |
| " Weymouth, . . | 223 41 | |
| " Hull, . . . | 15 62 | |
| Mary J. Enos, . . . | 350 00 | |
| Sarah C. Koop, . . . | 640 39 | |
| Mary L. Mendoca estate, . . | 595 00 | |
| Thomas J. Sheridan, . . | 17 55 | |
| Philip Minot's estate, . . | 300 00 | |
| Subscription, wat'ng Jerusalem R'd, | 15 00 | |
| Cemetery Association, . . | 90 00 | |
| Reta Frates, . . . . | 13 30 | |
| Balance in Treasury, . . | 2,492 30 | |
| | | $5,768 96 |

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|---|---|
| Amount of Interest Bearing Debt, . . | 23,700 00 |
| " Assets, . . . . . | 5,768 96 |
| " Actual Debt, . . . | $17,931 04 |
| " " Feb. 1, '83, . . | 17,819 15 |
| Increase of " Feb. 1, '84, . . | $111 89 |

Interest Bearing Debt remains the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the Year ending February 1, 1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand Feb. 1, 1882, . . | $2,332 30 |
| Paid Thomas Roche, smithing, . . | 9 45 |
| Edward E. Wentworth, smithing, . | 53 55 |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 1 75 |
| James Brothers, tea, etc., . . | 30 28 |
| Elmer E. Bates, groceries, . . | 268 44 |
| Herbert L. Brown, " . . | 184 85 |
| Caleb F. Nichols " and provisions, | 169 00 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . | 158 99 |
| Gross & Nichols, groceries and grain, | 164 85 |
| W. S. Dunbar, groceries, . . | 121 69 |
| David B. Tower, " . . . | 55 56 |
| Frances H, Nichols, dry goods . | 104 32 |
| Langdon W. Cook, clothing, . . | 64 47 |
| John Weatherbee, guano, . . | 23 20 |
| " " grain, . . | 138 89 |
| George H. Briggs, " . . . | 62 08 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, . . | 268 63 |
| William F. Thayer, beef, . . | 75 67 |
| Danforth Sylvester, fish, . . . | 59 98 |
| Philander Bates, boots and shoes, . | 40 10 |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . . | 80 74 |
| Tower Bro. & Co., coal and lumber, | 38 93 |
| Bela Stoddard, labor and stock, . | 13 00 |
| Ziba C. Small, " " . | 10 00 |
| Zaccheus Rich, burial of Mrs. Mendoca, | 39 00 |
| N. O'Neil, digging grave, " | 4 00 |
| Frank W. Brown, medicine, . . | 14 65 |
| C. L. Damon, use of mowing machine, '82, | 4 00 |
| Joseph Breck & Sons, scythe, . . | 2 10 |
| A. J. Bates, cow, . . . . | 35 00 |
| Levi L. Warrick, pasturing, . . | 8 00 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $4,595 47 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $4,595 47 | |
| Paid Thomas Beal, repairs on harness, . | 3 65 | |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Elizabeth B. Bryant, salt grass, . | 9 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, tin ware, etc., . . | 44 96 | |
| Dorchester M. F. I. Co., Mendoca house, | 6 00 | |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . | 17 00 | |
| G. B. Pratt, " . | 15 00 | |
| William O. Souther, ice, . . . | 11 75 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 21 50 | |
| Isaac H. Young, salary, . . . | 300 00 | |
| " " sundry bills, . . | 24 90 | |
| Frank Young, labor, . . . | 50 00 | |
| Leon Johnson, " . . . | 8 00 | |
| Katie McEchren, labor, . . . | 84 00 | |
| Lavina Bates, labor, . . . | 62 50 | |
| Mass. Ploughman, . . . | 2 50 | |
| Overseers of the Poor, . . . | 75 00 | |
| | | $5,379 23 |

STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 horses, . . . . . | $275 00 |
| 3 cows, . . . . . | 150 00 |
| 3 two-year-olds, . . . . . | 105 00 |
| 1 yearling, . . . . . | 15 00 |
| 2 hogs, . . . . . | 20 00 |
| 30 hens, . . . . . | 22 50 |
| 4 turkeys, . . . . . | 7 00 |
| 1 two-horse farm wagon, . . . | 100 00 |
| 1 express wagon, . . . . . | 15 00 |
| 1 horse-cart, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 1 pung, . . . . . | 35 00 |
| 1 two-horse sled, . . . . . | 70 00 |
| 3 ploughs, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 1 cultivator, . . . . . | 5 50 |
| I horse-rake, . . . . . | 7 00 |
| 1 harrow, . . . . . | 10 00 |
| 1 drag, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* . . . | $892 00 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . | $892 00 |
| Paid 1 wheelbarrow, . . . . | 5 00 |
| 1 set double harness, . . . | 75 00 |
| 1 wagon " . . . . | 5 00 |
| 2 cart harnesses, . . . . | 18 00 |
| 1 lead harness, . . . . | 6 00 |
| Robes and blankets, . . . | 6 00 |
| 1 Grindstone, . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Carpenters' Tools, . . . . | 5 00 |
| Saws and Axes, . . . . | 10 00 |
| Farming Tools, . . . . | 25 00 |
| Chains, etc., . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Drills, hammers, etc., . . . | 20 00 |
| Paint, oil and brushes, . . . | 3 00 |
| Household Furniture, . . . | 350 00 |
| 1 refrigerator, . . . . . | 12 00 |
| 1 sewing machine, . . . . | 35 00 |
| Stove and fixtures, . . . . | 55 00 |
| Crockery and glass ware, . . . | 22 00 |
| Cutlery, spoons, etc., . . . | 20 00 |
| Wooden ware, . . . . . | 22 00 |
| Tin, earthern and stone ware, . . | 30 00 |
| Casks and barrels, . . . . | 16 00 |
| Grain and bags, . . . . | 9 00 |
| 25 bushels corn, . . . . | 18 75 |
| 100 " potatoes, . . . | 65 00 |
| 2 " beets, . . . . | 1 00 |
| 15 " French turnips, . . | 11 25 |
| 40 " English " . . . | 10 00 |
| 1 dozen cabbages, . . . . | 1 00 |
| 1 barrel flour, . . . . . | 8 00 |
| 200 lbs. corned beef, . . . | 18 00 |
| 700 lbs. salt pork, . . . . | 87 50 |
| 200 lbs. hams, . . . . | 28 00 |
| 100 lbs. shoulders, . . . . | 10 00 |
| 218 lbs. lard, . . . . . | 26 16 |
| Groceries, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 2 tons coal, . . . . . | 17 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $1,987 66 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $1,987 66 | |
| Paid 7 cords hard wood, . . . . | 42 00 | |
| 2 cords pine wood . . . . | 10 00 | |
| 6 tons English Hay, . . . | 108 00 | |
| 5 tons salt hay, . . . . | 45 00 | |
| 1 ton corn fodder, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Lot of manure, . . . . | 100 00 | |
| | | $2,298 66 |

## Account of Sales and Income.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Thomas Reidy, potatoes, . . . | $8 00 | |
| Matthew Muley, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, " . . . | 5 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " . . . | 50 50 | |
| William W. Bates, " . . . | 21 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, " . . . | 3 60 | |
| Turnips sold, . . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Clarence Litchfield, milk, . . . | 43 52 | |
| E. G. Stewart, poultry, . . . | 7 65 | |
| Rufus White, rent Vinal house, . . | 20 00 | |
| A. J. Bates, hay, . . . . | 6 00 | |
| Manual Silva, rent and cash for house of Mendoca, . . . . . | 109 50 | |
| A. H. Tower, trustee for J. J. Lothrop, . . . . . | 180 00 | |
| | | $464 27 |
| Amount of stock on hand, . . . | $2,298 66 | |
| " " sales and income, . . . | 464 27 | |
| | | $2,762 93 |
| Debit brought forward, . . . . | $5,379 23 | |
| Credit " " . . , . | 2,762 93 | |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, . . . | | $2,616 30 |
| Expenses of inmates at Almshouse for 628 weeks at $4.16$\frac{382}{628}$ per week, amounts to . . . . . | | $2,616 30 |

The following persons remain in the Almshouse Feb. 1, 1884:

Elizabeth Hudson.
Jane B. Lambert.
Augusta Silva.
Frances George.
Antone George.
John J. Lothrop, boarder.
William C. Hayden.
David Vinal.
Benjamin Everett.
Robert Williams.
Joseph W. Pratt.

## Partial Support of Persons outside of Almshouse,

WITH NAMES OF HEAD OF THE FAMILIES, AND AMOUNT PAID TO EACH FAMILY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| Sarah C. Koop, | $110 01 |
| Manuel Enos, | 72 00 |
| Hannah Wheelwright, | 49 00 |
| Charles J. McCarty, | 59 18 |
| Myra Gardner, | 78 00 |
| Joseph F. Martin, | 72 00 |
| Rosa Flavin, | 8 00 |
| Elizabeth Ainslee, | 302 96 |
| Reta Frates, | 13 30 |
| Mary O'Brien, | 96 00 |
| Joseph E. Smith, | 162 00 |
| Sarah Mc Cormick, | 40 50 |
| W. F. Harris, Jr., | 49 80 |
| William Hayden, | 95 51 |
| Isaac H. Tower, | 136 59 |
| Wm. H. Litchfield, | 97 75 |
| Addie L. Bogue, | 166 50 |
| Mrs. Antone Joseph, | 12 75 |
| Susan Meeker, | 44 84 |
| John Tyrar, | 130 65 |
| Patrick Mulcahy, | 60 38 |
| Stephen Taylor, | 142 61 |
| Susan Waters, | 8 00 |
| Daniel W. Taylor, | 10 00 |
| John R. Colbrith, | 8 50 |
| Oliver Henderson, | 161 56 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $2,188 39 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $2,188 39 | |
| Julia Macomber, . . . . . | 196 53 | |
| Elizabeth J. Dady, . . . . . | 181 36 | |
| William Kilbum, . . . . . | 193 90 | |
| Lot Willcutt, . . . . . | 45 41 | |
| George B. Williams, . . . . . | 181 37 | |
| George F. Groves, . . . . . | 158 12 | |
| George W. Powers, . . . . . | 18 24 | |
| Henry Carter, . . . . . | 54 28 | |
| William Whittier, . . . . . | 60 00 | |
| Lois Ney, . . . . . | 208 00 | |
| Henry L. Bates, . . . . . | 147 15 | |
| Mary C. Kent, . . . . . | 109 46 | |
| Thankfull R. Souther, . . . . . | 48 00 | |
| Eunice Sterling, . . . . . | 65 09 | |
| Sarah Cogswell, . . . . . | 3 57 | |
| Overseers of Poor, . . . . . | 114 36 | |
| | | $3,973 23 |

Payments have been made to the following persons during the year, on account of assistance outside:

| | |
|---|---|
| Sarah C. Koop, order on Treasurer, . | $72 00 |
| Mrs. E. B. Studley, washing, . . | 1 20 |
| Manuel Enos, order on Treasurer, . . | 72 00 |
| Hannah Wheelwright, order on Treasurer, | 24 00 |
| Myra Gardner, " " " | 78 00 |
| Joseph F. Martin, " " " | 72 00 |
| Rosa Flavin, " " " | 8 00 |
| Elizabeth Ainslie, " " " | 120 00 |
| Mary O'Brien, " " " | 72 00 |
| Alefia J. Arnold, house rent for Mrs. Ney, | 33 00 |
| Silas Nickerson, groceries, . . . | 13 00 |
| Town of Ashburnham, Harris family, . | 49 80 |
| Town of Scituate, Litchfield " . | 78 00 |
| Town of South Scituate, Bates " . | 117 02 |
| Samuel E. Pratt, milk, Taylor " . | 14 40 |
| City of Newburyport, Henderson family, | 149 06 |
| City of Boston, Mary C. Kent and others, | 226 12 |
| *Amount carried forward,* - - - | $1,199 60 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* - - - | $1,199 60 | |
| City of Taunton, Powers family, . . | 18 24 | |
| Daniel Foss, medical attendance, . . | 12 50 | |
| J. B. Harvey, " " . . | 22 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, " " . . | 128 00 | |
| Worcester Lunatic Hospital, . . . | 196 53 | |
| Worcester Insane Asylum, . . . | 181 36 | |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital, . . . | 578 80 | |
| Thomas Williams, wood, . . . | 1 50 | |
| Abbie B. Holbrook, Whittier, . . | 60 00 | |
| Philander Bates, boots, shoes, and repairing, | 87 91 | |
| Tower Brother & Co., coal and wood, . | 267 47 | |
| Zaccheus Rich, undertaker, . . . | 25 00 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, beef, . . . | 154 00 | |
| William F. Thayer, " . . . | 11 40 | |
| Frank W. Brown, medicine, . . . | 34 20 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, groceries, . . . | 341 61 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., " . . . | 41 13 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | 64 03 | |
| W. S. Dunbar, " . . . | 30 25 | |
| Gross & Nichols, " . . . | 121 40 | |
| Herbert L. Brown, " . . . | 159 84 | |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., wood and clothing, | 7 85 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal and wood, . . | 64 25 | |
| Lot W. Bates, rent for Smith & Bogues, | 50 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, | 74 36 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . . . . | 20 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . . . | 20 00 | |
| | | $3,973 23 |

Amounts to be reimbursed to the Town:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From James Dady, for E. J. Dady, . | $181 36 | |
| Town of Hingham, . . . | 86 00 | |
| Town of Rockland, . . . | 59 18 | |
| Town of Weymouth, . . . | 158 12 | |
| Town of Scituate, . . . . | 152 61 | |
| State of Massachusetts, . . | 108 28 | |
| Reta Frates, . . . . . | 13 30 | |
| | | $758 85 |

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|---|---|---|
| Amount paid for outside relief, . . | $3,973 23 | |
| " reimbursed outside relief, . . | 758 85 | |
| | | $3,214 38 |
| Almshouse expense, . . . . | | 2,616 30 |
| Total for support of the poor, . . | | $5,830 68 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . | | 5,500 00 |
| Exceeded the appropriation, . . . | | $330 68 |
| Amount of cash received on former accounts by the Treasurer, . . . | | 348 17 |
| | | $17 49 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in Account with

1883-'84.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's Orders, drawn to date, | | $18,015 56 |
| " " " outstanding, | | 2 50 |
| " State aid and relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, | | 858 00 |
| " Appropriation for School-teaching, fuel and repairs, | | 6,500 00 |
| " Additional items on School Account, | | 451 50 |
| " Assessors' order for abatement of taxes, | | 638 62 |
| " Discount on taxes for 1883, as paid into Treasury to Nov. 10, | | 1,010 30 |
| " State of Massachusetts, tax for 1883, | | 2,715 00 |
| " County of Norfolk, tax for 1883, | | 2,089 70 |
| " State Treasurer, on account liquor licenses, | | 86 19 |
| " " adjustment National Bank tax, | | 36 63 |
| " A. Whittington, funded note, due 1883, | | 200 00 |
| " Morgan B. Stetson, " due 1883, | | 300 00 |
| " Samuel E. Pratt, " due 1883, | | 500 00 |
| " Estate A. H. Tower, " due 1883, | | 1,000 00 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, outstanding demand notes, | | 3,000 00 |
| " " " " hired money, | | 10,000 00 |
| " Interest on town's notes, | | 1,299 14 |
| | | $48,703 14 |
| BALANCE IN TREASURY, VIZ.: | | |
| Unpaid taxes previous to 1883, | $515 15 | |
| " " for 1883, | 1,431 12 | |
| Cash on deposit, | 547 83 | |
| | | $2,494 10 |
| | | $51,197 24 |

COHASSET, Feb. 1, 1884.

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COHASSET, February 9, 1884.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer. Cr.

1883-'84.

| | |
|---|---|
| By Balance in Treasury from former account, | $3,138 13 |
| Received of Commonwealth of Massachus'ts, Corporation tax, '82, adt'l, | 281 10 |
| " " " " " '83, | 4,177 88 |
| " " " National Bank tax, 1883, | 1,658 91 |
| " " " State aid and relief, etc., | 601 00 |
| " " " Support of paupers, | 120 50 |
| " " " Mass. School fund, | 190 32 |
| " Norfolk County, on account dog licenses, 1883, | 215 68 |
| " James Dady, for support of wife at insane hospital, 1882, '83, in full, | 362 28 |
| " Town of Hull, account of 1881, | 17 00 |
| " " Scituate, account of 1882, | 14 00 |
| " " Hingham, for aid to Myra Gardner, | 72 00 |
| " " Rockland, supplies to McCarty, and burial of his wife, | 68 18 |
| " Galen James, account 1882, | 3 75 |
| " Ezekiel L. James, account 1882, | 20 00 |
| " Watering Jerusalem Road, additional, 1882 (subscription), | 55 00 |
| " Charles G. Crockett, for liquor license, | 250 00 |
| " Frank W. Browne, " " | 1 00 |
| " Hosea U. Wood, " " | 93 75 |
| " Corthell and Rich, for pedlar's licenses, | 16 00 |
| " J. Q. A. Lothrop, rent, { Insurance office, $60 00; Mendoca house, 49 50 } | 109 50 |
| " C. F. Nichols, rent, Vinal house, | 20 00 |
| " Manuel Silva, 2d, on account purchase Mendoca house, | 60 00 |
| " Louis N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, | 43 50 |
| " A. H. Tower, trustee, for support of J. J. Lothrop at almshouse, | 180 00 |
| " Produce sales at almshouse, to sundry persons, | 154 77 |
| " Interest on Bank account, and fees on delinquent taxes, | 77 18 |
| " Interest of Ripley fund, 1883, | 45 50 |
| " Interest of M. & M. J. Enos, mortgage note, | 9 00 |
| " McCuin & Davis, for gravel at Straits Pond, | 9 00 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money, | 15,000 00 |
| " Amount of tax list for 1883, | 24,132 31 |
| | $51,197 24 |

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

## Town of Cohasset in Account with the School Committee.

1883–4. *Dr.*

### High School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $1,800 00 |
| Paid Principal, . . . . . | $800 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 640 00 | |
| Amount due teachers, . . . | 360 00 | |
| | | $1,800 00 |
| C. O'Keefe, janitor, . . . | 27 00 | |
| W. O'Keefe, " . . . | 19 12 | |
| Lincoln Brother, coal, . . . | 42 42 | |
| Tower, Brother & Co., . . . | 105 85 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor, . . | 3 10 | |
| | | $197 49 |

### Jerusalem School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $340 00 |
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | $272 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . . | 68 00 | |
| | | $340 00 |
| A. M. Beal, care of room, . . | 4 00 | |
| John Mulcahy, " " . . | 1 50 | |
| Alden Beal, wood sawed, . . | 3 50 | |
| Lincoln Bro., wood, . . . | 30 25 | |
| | | $39 25 |

### North School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $640 00 |
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . | $263 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 240 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . | 137 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| W. H. Reidy, care of rooms, . | 6 00 | |
| Henry Sweeney, " " . | 8 00 | |
| Patsey O'Keefe, care of rooms, . | 1 50 | |
| Susie L. Stoddard, fires, . . | 3 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor on wood, | 3 57 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, . . . | 43 41 | |
| | | $65 48 |

### Centre School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $640 00 |
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $272 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 225 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . | 143 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| John Keating, making fires, . . | 1 00 | |
| M. Mulcahy, " " . . | 4 00 | |
| Melvin T. Ward, care of room, . | 1 50 | |
| Julia O'Brien, " " . . | 4 00 | |
| C. James Nicholas, wood, . . | 4 25 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 3 75 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . | 47 38 | |
| | | $65 88 |

### Centre Intermediate School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $263 50 |
| Paid teaching, . . . . . | $136 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . | 127 54 | |
| | | $263 50 |
| L. C. Bates, care of fires, . . | 3 25 | |
| Lincoln Bro., wood and coal, . . | 18 46 | |
| | | $21 71 |

### South School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $640 00 |
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $272 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 240 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . . | 128 00 | |
| | | $640 00 |
| Paid Joseph Gracia, care of rooms, . | 12 00 | |
| C. James Nichols, wood, . . | 9 50 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 4 63 | |
| Lincoln Bro., coal, . . . . | 43 50 | |
| | | $69 63 |

### Beechwood Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $750 00 |
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $442 75 | |
| Primary " " . . | 120 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . | 187 25 | |
| | | $750 00 |
| L. W. Bates, 7 cords hard wood, . | $38 50 | |
| " " 1 " pine " . | 4 50 | |
| " " labor on " . | 20 00 | |
| Alden Damon, care of room, . | 10 00 | |
| | | $73 00 |

### Harbor School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $300 00 |
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | $240 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . . | 60 00 | |
| | | $300 00 |
| William Hayden, care of room, . | $5 00 | |
| Burton Treat, " " . | 3 00 | |
| C. James Nichols, pine wood, . | 2 50 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor on " . | 2 75 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal, " . | 30 17 | |
| | | $43 42 |

### King Street School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By amount appropriated for teaching, . | | $340 00 |
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | $272 00 | |
| Amount due, . . . . . | 68 00 | |
| | | $340 00 |
| Harry W. Burbank, room and wood, | $11 50 | |
| Galen James, wood and labor, . | 15 50 | |
| Samuel G. James, wood, . . | 7 00 | |
| | | $34 00 |

## EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

### High School Rooms.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid N. E. News Co., stationery, . . | $11 80 | |
| J. R. Colbrith, cleaning vaults, . | 3 00 | |
| E. N. Barker, glazing, . . . | 75 | |
| Julia F. Henry, cleaning, . . | 13 42 | |
| H. C. Kendall, filling diplomas, . | 1 25 | |
| N. E. News Co., papyragraph, . | 25 00 | |
| 12 diplomas and paper, . . . | 6 85 | |
| Cohasset Cottager, notices, . . | 7 00 | |
| Elijah N. Barker, stock and labor, . | 16 13 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 5 45 | |
| | | $90 65 |

### Jerusalem School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Bogart & Covert, supplies, . . | $1 72 | |
| C. C. West, " . . | 1 35 | |
| Anna Fox, paid for cleaning, . | 4 50 | |
| H. O. Beal, repairs, . . . | 5 20 | |
| | | $12 77 |

### North School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid R. H. White & Co., curtain stuff, . | $5 30 | |
| J. R. Colbrith, cleaning vaults, . | 3 00 | |
| Julia F. Henry, cleaning, . . | 11 20 | |
| E. N. Barker, stock and labor, . | 2 71 | |
| Thomas Willcutt " " . | 10 00 | |
| Thomas Bates, gravel, . . . | 11 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 35 43 | |
| Bela Stoddard, repairing cistern, . | 4 50 | |
| | | $83 14 |

### Centre School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John R. Colbrith, cleaning vaults, . | $3 00 | |
| E. N. Barker, glazing, . . . | 40 | |
| Mrs. Mulcahy, cleaning, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Thomas Bates, gravel, . . . | 34 00 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor, . . . | 4 23 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 5 58 | |
| | | $57 21 |

### Centre Intermediate School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid C. W. Clark, furniture, . . . | $106 55 | |
| O. C. Railroad, freight, . . . | 1 51 | |
| E. N. Barker, labor and stock, . | 21 40 | |
| Samuel Bates, stove, &c., . . | 43 29 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, stock and labor, . | 120 68 | |
| A. W. Hayden, mason work, . | 11 20 | |
| Tower Bro. and Co., lumber, . | 34 41 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, iron rail, . | 6 00 | |
| | | $347 04 |

### South School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Cronican, cleaning, . . | $9 50 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . | 12 91 | |
| A. W. Hayden, mason, . . | 5 25 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, iron work, . . | 1 35 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., repairs, . . | 5 02 | |
| | | $34 03 |

### Beechwood School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. C. H. Wood, use of well, . | $1 00 | |
| D. B. Francis, labor, . . . | 3 45 | |
| Lot W. Bates, cleaning, . . . | 6 00 | |
| J. J. A. Pratt, repairs, . . . | 8 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 6 50 | |
| Lot W. Bates, gravel, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Tower Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 9 85 | |
| Russell Publishing Co., books, . | 7 00 | |
| | | $51 80 |

### Harbor School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann Thomas, cleaning, . . . | $8 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 14 25 | |
| A. W. Hayden, mason work, . . | 2 62 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, soap and soda, . | 61 | |
| | | $25 48 |

### King Street School House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Williston, cleaning, . . | $5 00 | |
| S. J. Hayden, " vault, . | 1 00 | |
| C. W. Clark, black board, . . | 1 60 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . | 1 88 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, on pump, . . | 50 | |
| | | $9 98 |

### Miscellaneous.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Osgood, Superintendent, . | $200 00 | |
| Levi N. Bates, Treasurer, . . | 25 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, truant officer, '82, | 10 00 | |
| " " " " '83, . | 5 00 | |
| Joseph Osgood, books and supplies, | 84 64 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 40 00 | |
| Edward E. Ellms, books and supplies, | 46 59 | |
| Jennie B. Tower, lessons in singing, | 6 00 | |
| J. H. Guardenier, repairing book, . | 50 | |
| Est. F. J. Damon, truant officer, . | 3 00 | |
| Beal's express, . . . . . | 6 95 | |
| Russel Pub. Co., books, . . . | 7 00 | |
| | | $434 68 |

### Recapitulation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures for teaching, . . . . | $4,374 75 | |
| " for fuel and care of rooms, | 609 84 | |
| " on school houses, . . | 712 10 | |
| " miscellaneous, . . . | 434 68 | |
| Unexpended for teaching, . . . | 1,278 75 | |
| | | $7,410 14 |

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|---|---|---|
| By unexpended balance, . . . | $12 34 | |
| Town appropriation, teaching and fuel | 5,700 00 | |
| " " repairs, . . | 800 00 | |
| Norfolk County, dog licenses, . . | 215 68 | |
| State school fund, . . . . . | 190 32 | |
| Ripley School Fund, . . . | 45 50 | |
| Excess of appropriations, . . | 446 30 | |
| | | $7,410 14 |

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,

*for the School Committee.*

## Estimated Amounts to be Appropriated and Raised by Taxation for the Ensuing Year.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For payment of debt, | | $4,000 00 |
| " of interest, | | 1,500 00 |
| " of discount on taxes, | | 1,000 00 |
| Support of poor, | | 5,500 00 |
| " of schools, | | 6,400 00 |
| Repairs of school houses and salaries of Superintendent and Treasurer of Committee, | | 1,000 00 |
| Removing snow, | | 600 00 |
| Watering Jerusalem road, | | 400 00 |
| Repairing of highways, | | 3,000 00 |
| Town officers, | | 1,000 00 |
| Printing, | | 250 00 |
| Fire department, | | 600 00 |
| Public library, | | 350 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | | 500 00 |
| | | $26,100 00 |
| State and county taxes, estimated, | | 5,000 00 |
| | | $31,100 00 |
| Amount estimated to be received from bank and corporation taxes, | $5,000 00 | |
| Cash in treasury and unpaid taxes, | 2,000 00 | |
| | | $7,000 00 |
| | | $24,100 00 |
| Amount recommended to be raised by the town by taxation, is | | $19,100 00 |
| State and county tax, estimated, | | 5,000 00 |
| | | $24,100 00 |

## Table of Aggregates.

| | |
|---|---|
| Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1882, | $1,817,394 00 |
| " of personal estate, May 1, 1882, | 1,171,096 00 |
| Total valuation, May 1, 1882, | $2,988,490 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1883, . . | | 1,874,654 00 |
| " of personal estate, May 1, 1883, . | | 1,105,840 00 |
| Total valuation, May 1, 1883, . . | | $2,980,494 00 |
| Loss of personal estate, 1883, . . . | | 65,256 00 |
| Gain of real estate, 1883, . . . . . | | 57,260 00 |
| Decrease in valuation, . . . . . | | $7,996 00 |
| Number of polls in 1882, . . . | 589 | |
| " " " 1883, . . . | 585 | |
| Decrease in polls, . . . | 4 | |
| Tax on polls and estates, . . . . . | | $24,121 86 |
| Rate per cent. on $1,000, . . . . . | | 7 70 |
| Number of dwelling houses in 1883, . . | | 561 |
| Number of horses, . . . . . | | 235 |
| Number of cows, . . . . . | | 286 |
| Acres of land taxed, . . . . . | | 5,937 |

## List of Jurymen.

DRAWN DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| March 17, 1883, | John M. Damon, | Grand Juror. |
| " 23, " | Alfred Beal, | Superior Court. |
| April 13, " | James S. Beal, | " " |
| Aug. 22, " | George W. Cousens, | " " |
| Sept. 11, " | Oliver H. Bates, | " " |
| Nov. 26, " | Louis N. Lincoln, | " " |
| Dec. 13, " | A. Bradford Litchfield, | " " |
| Feb. 4, 1884, | George O. Higgins, | Sup. Jud. " |

## List of Jurors,

*To be accepted or rejected by the Town, at its next Annual March Meeting, March 3, 1884.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Frank P. Appleton. | Samuel G. James. |
| Philander Bates. | Galen James. |
| Cyrus H. Bates. | Charles L. Kittrell. |
| Rufus Bates, Jr. | Cyrus R. Keene. |

Joseph S. Bigelow.
Herbert O. Beal.
Walter S. Beal.
John Bryant.
Charles G. Crockett.
Orlando Curtis.
J. Foster Doane.
Edward E. Ellms.
Stephen D. Farrar.
John E. Groce.
Jesse C. Hayden.
Morgan B. Stetson.
Andrew J. Souther.
Daniel N. Tower.
Charles F. Tilden.
George W. Kimball.
Thomas Lincoln.
Caleb Lincoln.
J. Q. A. Lothrop.
Joseph W. Litchfield.
Waldo C. Locke.
Samuel E. Pratt.
Robert B. Pratt.
Aaron Pratt.
George W. Pratt.
Daniel W. Pratt.
Ziba C. Small.
Charles H. Willard.
Willie F. Thayer.
Israel C. Vinal.

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## ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

### March 3, 1884.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To act upon the Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Public Library, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of the School Committee, and School Committee's report.

Art. 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law, and By-laws of the Town.

Art. 4. What sums of money will the Town raise and appropriate for the Support of the Poor, Repairs of Highways, Support of Schools, Payment of Debt, Interest, Discount on Taxes, Watering Streets, Public Library, and other necessary charges and expenses for the current year. Also, will the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

Art. 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

Art. 7. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 8. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Art. 9. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for special repairs on Jerusalem Road, and care of Straits Pond, or act thereon.

Art. 10. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town for the current year, in accordance with Chap. 54 of the Acts of 1881.

Art. 11. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year, in accordance with Chap. 60 of the Acts of 1880.

Art. 12. To hear the Report of the Committee to prepare plans for a Receiving Tomb for Beechwood Section, and the cost of the same, and act thereon.

Art. 13. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the improvements to the Town Hall, with plans and estimates, and act thereon.

Art. 14. Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars to decorate the soldiers' and sailors' graves.

Art. 15. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Cedar Street, or act thereon.

Art. 16. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to settle with Isaiah Lincoln and Aaron Pratt for gravel taken for the Highways, as they allege, or act thereon.

Art. 17. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase a Stone Roller for the use of the Town, or act thereon.

Art. 18. Will the Town accept of the provisions of Sections 64, 65 and 69 of the Public Statutes, or act thereon.

Art. 19. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to make an addition to the Centre School House, or act thereon.

Art. 20. Will the Town cause ledges to be removed from the highways, on certain streets, as reported by the Selectmen, and raise money for that purpose.

Art. 21. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for Night Watchmen appointed by the Selectmen, or act thereon.

# LIST OF

# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS,

## Registered in Cohasset, for the Year 1883.

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1883. | | | |
| Feb. 3 | Jesse Reed<br>Annie M. Bates | So. Scituate.<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 26 | Howland A. Hunt<br>Annie S. Willcutt | Scituate<br>Cohasset | Married in Scituate by Rev. T. W. Sheppard. |
| Mar. 14 | William E. Crocker<br>Fanny K. Lincoln | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. H. M. Dean. |
| " 31 | William Appleton<br>Eloise E. (Crocker) Lincoln | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Angelo Canoll. |
| Apr. 18 | Arthur M. Bibby<br>Hannah N. Arnold | Hingham<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Edward C. Hood. |
| May 1 | Thomas Mannix<br>Mary J. Vaudura | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| " 1 | Charles H. Kilburn<br>Mary A. Cushman | So. Scituate.<br>Weymouth | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 29 | Herbert O. Hardy<br>Jennie H. Beal | Hingham<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Angelo Canoll. |
| June 28 | William W. Bates<br>Mary E. Litchfield | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Aug. 5 | Herbert Lane<br>L. Jennie C. Hersey | Weymouth<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Sept. 2 | George Jason<br>Lizzie Silvia | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. H. J. Mulligan. |
| " 6 | Morton S. Crehore<br>Alicia V. Stuart | Boston<br>Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Charles L. Wells. |
| " 20 | Spencer L. Johnson<br>Alice M. Brown | So. Scituate.<br>" | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| " 26 | E. Pomeroy Collier<br>Ella B. Sargent | Cohasset<br>Boston | Married in Boston by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| Oct. 2 | Charles E. Nott<br>Clara M. (Small) Safford | Cohasset<br>" | Married in Scituate by Rev. T. W. Sheppard. |
| " 24 | Cutler L. Crouch<br>Katie Adams | Cohasset<br>Boston | Married in Boston by Rev. J. W. Hamilton. |

## MARRIAGES.—Continued.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1883. | | | |
| Oct. 28 | John Rhoderick..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Mary Lawrence..... | " | |
| Nov. 7 | Edward E. Hatch..... | Hingham.... | Married in Cohasset by Rev. E. A. Robinson. |
| | Lizzie M. Arnold..... | Cohasset.... | |
| " 11 | Edwin B. Scott..... | Hull..... | Married in Cohasset by Rev. C. C. Kimball. |
| | Lydia A. (Morse) Stoddard | Cohasset.... | |
| " 29 | John J. Ainslie..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Mary McCarty..... | " | |
| Dec. 1 | Joseph E. Francis..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Mary A. Lawrence..... | " | |
| " 24 | Edwin F. Souther..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Hanover by Rev. W. Henry Brooks. |
| | Elizabeth H. Hobill..... | Pembroke... | |
| " 25 | George Young..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Lavinia E. (Wheelwright) Bates..... | " | |
| " 25 | Alfred Beal,..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Lizzie A. Bates..... | " | |
| " 29 | Joseph S. Enos..... | Cohasset.... | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Eliza Antoine..... | " | |

Twenty-five Marriages were registered in Cohasset during the year 1883, as per list above.

## BIRTHS.—1883.

| Date. | NAMES. | Parents' Names. | Maiden Name. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 9 | Harlan Page Briggs | George H. and Ada A. | Brown | So. Main Street. |
| " 27 | Susan Clarke | Anthony and Susan A. | Kineally | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 29 | George Eldredge Taylor | John F. and Maria | Tirrell | Hull Street. |
| Feb. 5 | Henry Morgan Stetson | Albert and Ada L. | Buss | Snow Place. |
| " 15 | Mary Abbie Nickerson | George K. and Clarissa C. | Ripley | So. Main Street. |
| " 21 | Daniel Francis Taylor | Daniel W. and Hattie | Gardner | " " |
| Mar. 10 | Clara Foster Silva | Joseph and Julia E | Litchfield | Beechwood " |
| " 15 | Alfred Lincoln Ainslie | Atwood J. and Sarah | Haskell | " " |
| " 23 | Frederick Joseph Silvia | Joseph F. and Louisa | Enos | Margin " |
| " 25 | Louis Bradford Weatherbee | John and Elizabeth E | Brown | So. Main " |
| Apr. 6 | Francis Joseph Sidney | Antoine J. and Josephine | Frates | " " |
| " 27 | May Leslie Collier | William R. and Mariannie | Pratt | Beach " |
| May 3 | Stephen Joseph Riley | Stephen and Mary | Finnegan | No. Main " |
| " 5 | Isabella Lord Martin | Frank F. and Mary E. | Francis | Border " |
| " 29 | Royal Amory Bates | Joseph J. and Sarah L. | Rich | Joy Place. |
| June 25 | Mary Louise Antoine | Abraham J. and Elizabeth | Queeny | Elm Street. |
| July 8 | William James Powers | Edward and Mary | Kineally | No. Main Street. |
| " 13 | Martha Elmira Dennison. | Edward M. and Mary E | Lincoln | Spring " |
| " 15 | James Francis Thomas | Francis W. and Mary E | Cotter | Border " |
| " 26 | Lucy Anna Roche | Thomas and Annie | A'Hearn | No. Main " |
| " 30 | Mary Isabella McMahon | H. Lawrence and Jane E. | Rafferty | So. Main " |
| Aug. 6 | Henry Bryant | John and Charlotte | Olmsted | Margin " |
| " 9 | Lena Oliver | Manuel and Mary A. | Diaz | Elm " |
| " 17 | John Henry Roche | John (Jr) and Mary H. | Murphy | No. Main " |
| " 17 | —— Sargent | George F. and Sarah M. | Bates | Church " |
| Sept. 10 | —— Hughes | James and Julia M. | Donovan | Summer " |
| " 11 | —— Whitcomb | Thomas W. and Marion S | Browne | Beechwood " |
| Oct. 7 | Mildred Estella Morse | Benjamin F. and Winnifred E | Lynde | Winter " |
| " 18 | Bertha Orilla Souther | William O. and Orianna A. | Lincoln | Pond " |
| " 27 | Mary Elizabeth Lee | William and Julia | Hastings. | Pleasant " |
| Nov. 2 | Bridget Catharine Dolan | John and Annie | Riley | No. Main " |
| " 7 | Gracie Lothrop Studley | Andrew J. and Helen M. | Rooney | Atlantic Avenue. |
| " 13 | —— Tirrell | George and Eliza | Augustus | Hull Street. |
| " 20 | George Jason | George and Lizzie | Sylvia | Snow Place. |
| Dec. 5 | Mary Foster Linora Cadozo | Levi and Mary | José | Border Street. |
| " 9 | Catharine Levange | Michael and Genevieve | Decost | " " |
| " 24 | John Jacob Pratt | John J. A. and Mary F. | Antoine | Beechwood Street. |
| " 25 | Hannah Frances Downes | Patrick and Ellen | Kief | Pleasant " |

Thirty-eight births have been registered in Cohasset for the year 1883—eighteen males and twenty females—as per list above, and with parentage as follows: American parents, twenty-two; foreign parents, thirteen; American father and foreign mother, one; foreign father and American mother, two.

## DEATHS.—1883.

| DATE. | | NAMES. | AGE. Y. | M. | D | CAUSE OF DEATH. | PLACE OF DEATH. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 18 | Rachael (Litchfield) Sweat.. | 84 | 6 | | Bright's Disease..... | Beechwood St. |
| " | 23 | 1Michael F. Haley..... | | 4 | | Pneumonia ..... .... | Pleasant " |
| Feb. | 5 | James Stoddard ..... | 80 | 11 | 29 | Old Age ..... | South Main " |
| " | 18 | Joseph W. Willcutt..... | 51 | 3 | 5 | Pneumonia..... | Summer " |
| Mar. | 10 | Isaac Lincoln..... | 77 | 3 | 28 | Apoplexy ..... | South Main " |
| Apr. | 3 | 1Mary E. (Keffe) Silvia ..... | 69 | | | Spas. Cont. of Lungs | Border " |
| " | 4 | 1Maggie A. Mattie..... | 1 | 1 | 8 | Scarlatina..... | Margin " |
| May | 1 | Samuel Hall..... | 84 | 9 | | General Debility ..... | North Main " |
| " | 5 | Fordyce F. Lawrence..... | 39 | 11 | 26 | Phthisis Pulmonalis.. | Elm " |
| " | 6 | —— Sheridan..... | | | | Still-born... ..... | Pleasant " |
| " | 15 | Sarah A. (Fabens) Johnson. | 71 | 5 | 5 | Cancer..... | South Main " |
| " | 18 | Robert H. Reed..... | 76 | | | Neuralgia ..... | King " |
| " | 21 | 2Mary F. (Cronican) Sweeney | 68 | 2 | | Marasmus..... | Bow " |
| " | 28 | Elmer E. Litchfield..... | 16 | 8 | | Consumption..... | Beechwood " |
| " | 29 | 2John P. Mulvey..... | 22 | 4 | 10 | Phthsis Pulmonalis.. | Jerusalem R'd |
| June | 20 | Maria J. (Babson) Gammons | 45 | 8 | 27 | Blood Poison..... | South Main St. |
| " | 25 | 3Mary Louise Antoine..... | | | 1 | Infantile..... | Elm " |
| July | 4 | 4Arthur Landrey ..... | 2 | 6 | | Congestion of Brain.. | Elm " |
| " | 6 | 5Susie W. Browne..... | | 8 | | Cholera Infantum.... | Elm " |
| " | 13 | 1David A. Decost..... | 2 | | 14 | Membrane Croup..... | Elm " |
| " | 17 | 6Elizabeth G. Doubleday.... | 82 | | | Apoplexy ..... | Atlantic Ave. |
| " | 28 | Minnie Reed ..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | Tub. Meningitis..... | Jerusalem R'd |
| Aug. | 2 | Charles Pratt..... | 77 | | | Cystitis..... | South Main St. |
| " | 7 | Mary T. (Bourne) Bates..... | 83 | 9 | | Apoplexy..... | Elm " |
| " | 14 | 3Isabella L. Martin..... | | 3 | 9 | Dysentery..... | Border " |
| Sept. | 8 | Thomas Beal..... | 78 | | | Heart Disease..... | Elm " |
| " | 11 | 7Emily A. Dow..... .. | 70 | 5 | 11 | Heart Disease..... | Atlantic Ave. |
| " | 16 | Harriet E. (Battles) Priest... | 32 | 2 | 4 | Typhoid Dysentery... | Jerusalem R'd |
| Oct. | 16 | Henry Nichols ..... | 71 | 10 | 21 | Cancer..... | King St. |
| " | 19 | 1John H. Lee..... ... | 1 | 7 | 10 | Acute Meningitis..... | Pleasant " |
| " | 20 | Mary (Bates) Chamberlain.. | 64 | 6 | | Heart Disease..... | Border " |
| Dec. | 7 | —— Beal ..... | | | | Still-born..... | Hull " |
| " | 17 | 1James Rooney ..... | 80 | | | Paralysis ..... | Margin " |
| " | 20 | Lewis Lincoln..... | 75 | 10 | | Bright's Disease..... | Winter " |

1. Buried at Hingham.
2. " " Quincy.
3. " " Scituate.
4. " " Weymouth.
5. Buried at Abington.
6. " " Forest Hills.
7. " " Mount Hope.

There were thirty-four deaths (including two still-born children) in Cohasset in the year 1883, as per list above; eighteen males and sixteen females, the average age (exclusive of still-births) being forty-seven years, three months, eleven days. Six of the number were over eighty years of age, eight between seventy and eighty years, three between sixty and seventy years, one between fifty and sixty years, one between forty and fifty years, two between thirty and forty years, one between twenty and thirty years, one between ten and twenty years, none between five and ten years, and eleven under five years of age.

Returns of nine bodies brought to this town for interment have been made to the Town Clerk during the past year, of which the following is a list:

## DEATHS.—1883.

| Date. | | Names. | Age. | | | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Y. | M. | D. | |
| January | 10 | Mary E. Hall | 45 | | | Boston. |
| February | 11 | Edward Studley | 58 | 7 | | Concord, N. H. |
| March | 9 | Nancy M. Peirce | 84 | 1 | 12 | Somerville. |
| May | 21 | Phineas Bates | 62 | 8 | | Boston. |
| " | 31 | Abbie M. Lawrence | 37 | 3 | 17 | Marlboro'. |
| July | 23 | Lottie A. Lothrop | 36 | | | New York City. |
| August | 10 | F. A. Lawrence | 1 | 2 | | Marlboro'. |
| December | 18 | Julia W. Gibson | 24 | 11 | | Chelsea. |
| **1880.** | | | | | | |
| December | 3 | Harry F. Lawrence | 14 | 5 | | Marlboro'. |

As it is a matter of great importance that the registration of marriages, births and deaths shall be complete, the Town Clerk will esteem it a favor to be notified of any omission or mistake in the foregoing lists.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOLS

TO THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET.

*Gentlemen:*

It is not necessary to give a detailed and critical report of those schools which have been continued for a series of years under the same teachers, for all these schools have been in an excellent condition through the year. They have all been distinguished for their good order, for the systematic and successful pursuit of the various branches of study, and for the interest and cheerfulness which have prevailed in them.

These schools were never in a more satisfactory condition.

The schools in which changes have been made require more particular notice.

In the North Grammar School, Miss Martha A. Bates, who, after a long experience in the Primary school, had been the teacher for eight years, with one or two vacations of a term or two, resigned her position at the beginning of the year in April. She had suffered from repeated attacks of ill health, found the work of the school beyond her strength, and decided that a change of occupation would be of benefit to her. Miss Bates had been a faithful, devoted and successful teacher, a good disciplinarian, and her retirement could not but be of immediate detriment to the school.

She was urged to continue in charge of the school till the summer vacation, but declined, and Miss Myra W. Bates was appointed in her place. She was a graduate of our High School, and of the Bridgewater State Normal School, had had a short experience in teaching, and seemed well fitted to take charge of the school. During the summer term she found the discipline of the school hard, requiring all her energy and patience. But after the beginning of the fall term, when the older scholars had left for the High School, and she had become more familiar with her

pupils and her work, she brought the school soon into a good state of discipline, and is becoming constantly more and more successful as a teacher and disciplinarian. The school is at present in an excellent state, and full of promise for the future.

There has been a change in the Harbor School. Miss Charlotte M. Whittington, who had taught the school from its first organization, for ten years, with great efficiency and faithfulness, had found the work of teaching so large a school too exhaustive for her strength, and resigned at the close of the summer term.

We were fortunately able to secure the services of Miss Priscilla L. Collier, a graduate of our High School and of the Bridgewater State Normal School, and who had had a year's successful experience in a large school in Weymouth.

Miss Collier has proved herself an earnest, intelligent and devoted teacher, and the school is prospering under her care.

Both that school and the Centre Primary were too large to be taught successfully by one teacher, or without overtaxing her health and strength, containing as they did during the last summer term, the one forty, and the other forty-eight pupils, in four or five different grades.

The first classes in these schools were not really qualified for the grammar schools, and besides, the Centre Grammar School, to which the larger number of the children of those classes would go, was already full and could receive no more.

The Centre Primary School has only thirty single desks, and some seats without desks, with no space for more; and the Harbor School had no more seating room. In the fall term other pupils were to come into these schools, who, if there had been no removals to other schools, would have made the number of pupils in the Harbor School forty-one, and in the Centre Primary School fifty-four, with the prospect of an increase in both schools before the close of the school year.

You, therefore, felt compelled by the necessities of the case to establish another school for the relief of these overcrowded schools, and accordingly in the summer vacation hired Mr. Barker's hall, fitted it up for a school-room, and authorized the employment of a teacher for the school. Miss Elizabeth C. Bates, who had for a number of years, with success, taught the Centre Primary School, was appointed teacher of the school, and from her pupils being all in one class, she has been able to do much more

for them than she could have done if they had been in different grades. The school when first organized consisted of thirteen pupils from the Centre Primary and nine from the Harbor School, twenty-two in all. One has been transferred to another school, leaving at present twenty-one pupils. The proposed arrangement is that these pupils remain in this school another year, after the close of the summer term, and then be transferred to the grammar schools.

But next fall the primary schools will need to be relieved, as they were last fall. The first class in one consists of eight, and in the other of thirteen, making twenty-one who should be admitted to the Intermediate School. But there is room for only about its present number of pupils in that school. Consequently there is still urgent need of a new school-room. The cost of the building would not probably exceed $1,000, while most of the furniture that would be required for it, including stove, blackboards, teacher's desk, and more than half the pupils' desks necessary to furnish a new school house, have been purchased for the present school-room, and are the property of the town.

The interest of the money which the building would cost would not exceed the rent of the present school-room. I would earnestly recommend the building of such a school-room in connection with the Centre School House, in accordance with the plan proposed last year.

The Centre Primary School, at the beginning of the fall term, was put under the charge of Miss Sarah E. Fox. Miss Fox had had but little experience in teaching, and the school was too large for the most successful teaching—the largest school in town with the exception of the High School—and she had a pretty arduous task to keep the children in order, arranged as they were in four or five different classes. But she has worked hard, gradually improved the order of the school, gained the love of her pupils, and bids fair to become a very successful teacher.

In the summer vacation Mr. Edmund Pomeroy Collier resigned his position as assistant teacher of the High School, after nearly eight years' efficient service.

Mr. Seth Sears was appointed in his place, and was very successful as a teacher and disciplinarian; but, after four weeks, resigned his position, for a more lucrative and desirable situation in Quincy.

Mr. Winfield S. Rich, who had taken the advanced course at the Bridgewater State Normal School, and who was recommended for the position, was appointed in his place. Mr. Rich had had no experience in teaching, but entered earnestly upon his work; and whenever his department has been visited the order has been good, and he has appeared to be teaching intelligently and faithfully.

As it was understood that the assistant teacher should teach singing, and Mr. Rich was unable to teach that branch, he has employed Mr. Bissell, who for a number of years has taught singing in the schools in Hingham, to give a lesson every Friday morning.

The High School is in a very satisfactory condition with respcet to order, to the arrangement of the studies, and to the progress of the pupils in learning. It was never doing better work. Miss Lothrop, at her own expense, employs Miss Mary T. Lothrop to teach drawing, with very creditable success.

Endeavors have been made to systematize more and more the studies in all the schools, and to make them as practically useful to the children as possible. Our plan is to raise the grade of the grammar schools, so that the children who are graduated from them, if unable to attend the High School, may have acquired the most essential and practical elements of a common school education: while those who enter the High School may be better fitted to pursue the higher branches of study.

To secure these objects, it is intended that no class shall enter the High School next fall, and that no pupils shall be transferred from the primary to the grammar schools, except where the crowded condition of the lower schools shall render it necessary. The establishment of the Centre Intermediate School renders this arrangement practicable.

It has been necessary to expend considerable money in renewing the gravel where the gravel and earth has been washed away, especially around the North and Centre school houses. New fences have also been made in connection with the North school house, and the High School house or Town Hall. There will be need of more work of the same kind next year in connection with some of the other school houses. All the school houses in town, except perhaps that at the Harbor, need to be painted. They were painted last in 1869, fifteen years ago, and are suffering yearly deterioration from the want of paint.

Truancy and unnecessary absence from school have not been entirely remedied; but the exertions of the truant officers, and the knowledge that arrangements have been made by which truants can be sentenced to the Truant School of the city of Lawrence, have done something towards suppressing the evil. Mr. Morgan, who has so faithfully and energetically performed his duties as truant officer for the Beechwood and King Street Schools, reports that truancy has nearly ceased in those schools.

Forty years ago last March meeting I was chosen a member of the School Committee of Cohasset, and of the forty years since that time, for thirty-six I have had an oversight of the schools; twenty-six as a member of the Superintending School Committee, and for the last ten years as Superintendent. I have acted in the one capacity or the other since 1854 — twenty-nine years consecutively. One of your Committee, Mr. Levi N. Bates, was first chosen a member of the School Committee in 1835, and since that time has been a member of the School Board, thirty-five years, the last eighteen years of which he has held the office continuously. No other man in the town has ever been a member of the School Committee for so many years as Mr. Bates; and it is not probable that, in view of the frequent changes of the present age, any man will ever hold that office in Cohasset again for so long a time. It seems, then, to be a fitting occasion to look back on the past and to consider what have been the changes, and whether there has been improvement in the schools of Cohasset during these last forty years.

Such a retrospect and comparison become more pertinent, inasmuch as sometimes it is said in the town that the schools of former times were better than those of the present day. The same criticism with regard to the schools of Massachusetts is made sometimes, not only by inveterate grumblers, but also by enlightened and public spirited men, who are not aware of what has been accomplished in the State. Within a few years I have heard a very intelligent and progressive man, in an able, interesting and sound address in other respects, maintain that the schools of Massachusetts had retrograded, rather than made progress since the time of Horace Mann. Horace Mann did indeed a great work for the schools, greater than any other man has ever done; but the ideas which he so eloquently and earnestly set forth did not immediately become effective, except in a limited degree, in most of the schools

in this State. They have been rather like seed sown, germinating, springing up and bearing fruit ever since his personal work ceased. The changes which have taken place in Cohasset in our schools and school system, are but a part of the progress of education and of the improvement of the public schools throughout the State.

In 1840 the population of Cohasset was 1,471, and the valuation $306,717. In 1880 the population was 2,183, and the valuation $2,853,904.

In 1843 the number of children between 4 and 16 years of age was 404, equivalent to about 367 between 5 and 15. In 1883 there were 379 children between 5 and 15, giving an increase of only 12 children of the school age in forty years.

In 1843–4 the number of pupils in school in summer was 239; in winter 353. There was at this time a private school in the Academy in the summer. In 1883–4 the number in summer was 377, and in winter 368.

The amount of money raised for the support of schools in 1843 was $1,050, $250 of which was for the High School. In 1883–4 the town raised $5,700.

In 1843–4 there were five female teachers employed in the summer, and in the winter six male teachers, and two females who taught children under seven years of age, in the Centre and South districts.

The average compensation paid to male teachers per month was $33.03; and to female teachers, $8.38. There were only two or three towns in the State that paid a lower compensation to female teachers that year, viz.: New Alford, which paid $8.00; Montgomery, $8.10; and perhaps Hull, which made no return for that year. The town that paid to female teachers the next lowest average in Norfolk County was Dover, which paid $10.37. The relative rank of Cohasset in the State, as to the amount of money paid for the schooling of each child of school age, was in 1843, 81; in 1882–3, 33.

In 1882–3, its rank in reference to the percentage of its valuation paid for the support of schools was 318, out of 346 cities and towns. Its percentage on valuation was two mills on a dollar.

The average wages of male teachers in 1882–3, was $62.50 per month; of female teachers, $38.18.

Forty years ago the schools in the three central districts, and the High School, were kept about four months in the year, in the

cold season, and those in the Beechwood and Jerusalem districts for a shorter time. These were all taught by male teachers. A school was kept in each district in the warm season by a female teacher. These, with two primary schools, also taught by females in winter, made the whole number of schools eight in winter, and five in summer. The total aggregate length of all the schools was fifty-seven months and twenty-one days.

At present, there are thirteen schools in town, one, the High School, having two teachers. Only two male teachers are employed, one in the Beechwood Grammar School, and one as assistant in the High School. Each school is continued regularly forty weeks in the year, which gives 130 months schooling. This year, however, will have but 126½ months, owing to one school not having been organized till the beginning of the fall term, and one having been interrupted by the illness of the teacher.

But, while there have been so great changes in the provisions made for teaching and in the amount of schooling, have there been any improvements in the teaching and the management of the schools?

I know something about what their real condition was, for in the winter of 1839–40, I taught the Centre School. The house was then small; the addition for the Primary school not having been built, and the school-room was shorter by ten feet than it is at present. The floor was raised from the front to the back, so that every apple, ball, or marble that a scholar dropped, rolled immediately down the floor. In the centre were long seats arranged pretty close together, each occupied by five children; on both sides of the same were short seats, each, I think, accommodating two pupils. There were sixty, or more, pupils in the school, from seven to seventeen years of age.

Some could hardly read at all and were in the lowest grades, while others were having their last winter's schooling. I could hardly become acquainted with the scholars, and find out what they knew, and what they needed to be taught, during the short time I was with them. I could not make any satisfactory classification, or give more than a very short time to the scholars individually.

I could keep them in order, I could make and mend their pens, for then only quill pens were used. I could help them out of a difficulty in arithmetic, but I could teach them but little. Very

likely many of them had been over the same ground the previous winter, with another teacher, and perhaps would study the same lessons with the next teacher that they had studied with me. Nothing could be done thoroughly or systematically. I had taught three previous seasons larger and more difficult schools, and had, accordingly more experience in the work than many young men who then took winter schools. But I was studying my profession; I did not intend to make teaching my life-work, and I taught for a few months in the winter only as a temporary expedient. No person under such conditions could do much for a school. I worked hard and did my best, but that best was very unsatisfactory to myself and not very helpful to the school.

And that was the way in which all the winter district schools were taught in Cohasset, at that time, and for some years after. Young men who wanted to earn something in their winter's vacation from college, or who were preparing for a profession, or who worked on their farms or went a fishing in the summer, were employed to teach the winter schools. Some of these men were men of scholarship and ability, and afterwards occupied honorable positions in professional or political life. One of them is now on the bench of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. But from the conditions under which they taught, and from the changes which occurred every year, little could be accomplished for the schools. A great deal of corporal punishment was often thought to be necessary, and while the order of the schools was not generally as good as it is at present, there was then, probably, twenty times more whipping and other forms of corporal punishment.

In 1843 there were five summer schools in the town taught by female teachers. The average number of pupils to a teacher was about fifty-eight. As some of these schools were small, others must have been quite large, numbering, probably, seventy or more pupils, of from four years old to perhaps fifteen or sixteen years of age. As these schools had to be reorganized every spring, were frequently put under the charge of new teachers, and had no systematic classification or course of study, it is easy to imagine little could be accomplished in them. The teachers had not the training that our High School and the Normal Schools now give; and though some, by their native good sense, their tact and experience, acquired great ability to teach and govern children, yet the deficient organization of their schools, and the frequent changes from

summer to winter schools, made a systematic course of teaching impossible. Sometimes the schools were pretty good, and sometimes they were almost perfect failures.

The practice of permitting the Prudential Committees to choose the school teachers often had a very prejudicial effect, for they made frequent changes, to the detriment of the schools, and sometimes employed teachers whom the General Committee could not reject, but in whose places they could have put much better teachers.

Of our present teachers a few have been instructed in the State Normal Schools, and the others have had the advantage of our High Schools, or of long experience in teaching, and they avail themselves of conventions, teachers' institutes, the visiting of other schools, and other means of improvement for their work.

There has been a great change in our school accommodations within forty years. Now, large and convenient school houses have been substituted for the old, small, ill-ventilated buildings in all except the centre district. In that the school room has been enlarged and improved, so that it is now very convenient and pleasant.

Forty years ago there was not a blackboard belonging to any public school in the town, nor were there any maps, reference books, or apparatus of any kind. It is true that, in 1836, the town voted $50 for the purchase of maps, diagrams and apparatus for the use of the schools, but in 1843 all traces of this purchase had disappeared. At present, every school room is abundantly furnished with blackboards, and also with globes, maps, blocks to illustrate numbers and forms; and, in the High School, there is a good piano, and considerable apparatus for teaching chemistry and physics. In addition, in all the schools the teachers' desks are furnished with text and reference books, and books for supplementary reading and teaching.

While forty years ago one of the great difficulties was to secure good order in school, and there was a great deal of often severe corporal punishment; at present all the schools are in excellent order; in some, corporal punishment is seldom or never used, and in none is it used nearly as much as in former times. The better the teacher, and the more earnest the life of the school, the less necessary the resort to corporal punishment becomes. It is to be hoped that it may soon be entirely abolished from our schools.

In the warrant for the town meeting, March, 1844, the 19th article was to see if the town will raise $15, provided the State will pay $15 more, to establish a library in each school district in the town. The town voted to pass over the article. At present we have a free town library, containing 3,340 books, many of which are very valuable, and fifty-four pamphlets. This library was established through the instrumentality of the schools, and as a part of our educational system, in 1879. The scholars of the High School make great use of the encyclopædias, histories, and books of reference which it contains. Its books are read largely by the people of the town, and it is a very valuable supplement to the education which our schools afford. Especial advantages are afforded to teachers in furnishing books for illustrating the studies of their pupils.

The review to which you have been invited of the public schools of the town, and the comparison of their condition at the present time with that of forty years ago, cannot, I think, fail to show that progress has been made. They were never so well arranged as at present, or in a condition to attain greater excellence. The only thing needed to complete our system is a larger room for the Centre Intermediate School. Within forty years the town has expended between $15,000 and $20,000 for school buildings. With suitable care they can be kept in a good condition, and it is not probable that any new buildings will be needed for many years, except the one mentioned.

From these remarks it must not be inferred that our schools have reached perfection, or that no improvement is to be made. Our schools labor under great defects, and many things may be found in them that need to be remedied or changed. But while our aim has always been to bring them into a better state, they were never in a more hopeful and encouraging condition than at present.

The following table gives a synopsis of the names of the teachers, and of the number of scholars belonging to each school, each of the three terms:

| Schools. | Teachers. | Spring and Summer Terms. | Fall Term. | Winter Term. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jerusalem | Miss Annie Fox | 14 | 16 | 16 |
| North Grammar | " Myra W. Bates | 17 | 15 | 15 |
| North Primary | " Susie L. Stoddard | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| Centre Grammar | " Annie A. Souther | 40 | 32 | 32 |
| Centre Primary | " Lizzie C. Bates<br>" Sarah E. Fox | 48 | 42 | 39 |
| Centre Intermediate | " Lizzie C. Bates | | 22 | 21 |
| South Grammar | " Josie L. Vinal | 24 | 20 | 22 |
| South Primary | " Myra L. Beal | 22 | 21 | 28 |
| Harbor | " Lottie M. Whittington.<br>" Priscilla L. Collier | 42 | 31 | 31 |
| Beechwood Grammar | Mr. L. W. Bates | 21 | 30 | 28 |
| Beechwood Primary | Miss Georgiana Bates | 32 | 22 | 22 |
| King Street | " Martha P. Bates | 18 | 20 | 16 |
| High | " Drusilla S. Lothrop<br>Mr. E. P. Collier<br>" Seth Sears<br>" W. S. Rich | 71 | 75 | 70 |
| | | 377 | 374 | 368 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OSGOOD,
*Superintendent of Schools.*

Mr. Levi N. Bates,
J. Q. A. Lothrop, Esq.,
Louis T. Cushing, Esq.,
*School Committee.*

The foregoing Report of the Superintendent is hereby accepted and adopted by the School Committee.

Levi N. Bates,
J. Q. A. Lothrop,
*School Committee.*

Cohasset, Feb. 11, 1884.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1884,

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND TREASURER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WITH A

LIST OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS,

**ALSO, THE DOINGS AT THE SEVERAL TOWN MEETINGS,**

REPORT OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1884,

AND THE

Reports of the Treasurer and Trustees of Public Library.

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# OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1884-85.

*Town Clerk*, NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP, PHILANDER BATES, CALEB F. NICHOLS.

*Treasurer and Collector of Taxes*, ABRAHAM H. TOWER.

*Highway Surveyors.*

JAMES PETTEE, THOMAS BATES, AMOS E. TILDEN, SAMUEL E. PRATT, LEVI L. WORRICK, JR.

* *Superintendent of Schools*, REV. JOSEPH OSGOOD.

*School Committee.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| J. Q. A. LOTHROP, . . . | Term expires | April 1, 1885. |
| LOUIS T. CUSHING, . . | " " | April 1, 1886. |
| JAMES B. HARVEY, M. D., | " " | April 1, 1887. |

*Constables.*

EDW. E. WENTWORTH, ISRAEL C. VINAL, ANDREW H. PROUTY, JOHN ROCHE, Jr., JOHN E. GROCE, JAMES S. BEAL, ORLANDO CURTIS, A. BRADFORD LITCHFIELD.

*Fence Viewers.*

J. FOSTER DOANE, WILLIAM T. TILDEN, LOT W. BATES.

*Field Drivers.*

GEORGE F. SARGENT, HARRY W. SOUTHER, SAMUEL G. JAMES, JOHN W. BRENNOCK.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

GEORGE BATES, WILLIAM T. TILDEN.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

WILLIAM W. APTS, MANUEL S. LEONARD, MORGAN B. STETSON

*Culler of Hoops and Staves*, JOSEPH BATTLES.

*Pound Keeper*, JOHN SOUTHER.

*Trustees of Public Library.*

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| MRS. A. H. TOWER, . . . | Term expires | April 1, 1885. |
| MRS. SARAH E. BEAL, . . | " " | " " |
| JOHN W. BATES, . . . . | " " | " " |
| EDWARD E. ELLMS, . . | " " | April 1, 1886. |
| LOUIS T. CUSHING, . . | " " | " " |
| ABRAHAM H. TOWER, . | " " | " " |
| REV. JOSEPH OSGOOD, . | " " | April 1, 1887. |
| MISS SARAH S. PRATT, . | " " | " " |
| MISS EDITH M. BATES, . | " " | " " |

† *Fire Wards.*

ZACCHEUS RICH, EDWARD E. WENTWORTH, SAMUEL E. PRATT, ALDEN BEAL.

† *Sealer of Weights and Measures*, ALLEN C. BATES.

† *Undertaker*, ZACCHEUS RICH.

† *Weigher of Coal*, WINFIELD L. CREED.

† *Auctioneers.*

LOUIS N. LINCOLN, AARON PRATT, J. Q. A. LOTHROP, JAMES S. BEAL

† *Registrars of Voters.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CHARLES F. TILDEN, | Term expires | May 1, 1885. |
| C. JAMES PRATT, | " " | May 1, 1886. |
| JOHN M. DAMON, | " " | May 1, 1887. |
| NEWCOMB B. TOWER, *Ex-officio.* | | |

* Appointed by the School Committee. † Appointed by the Selectmen.

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# EXTRACTS FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Town, held March 3d, 1884, J. Q. A. Lothrop, Esq., Moderator,

It was voted, that the sum of twenty-seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($27,750) be appropriated during the current year, as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| For Payment of Debt, | $2,000 |
| Deficiency in 1883, | 2,000 |
| Payment of Interest, | 1,500 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1,000 |
| Support of Schools, Teaching, Fuel, and care of rooms, | 6,100 |
| Support of Poor, | 5,500 |
| Repairs of School-houses and Salaries of Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer of School Committee, | 1,000 |
| Watering Streets,* | 1,200 |
| Repairs of Highways,* | 3,000 |
| Town Officers, | 1,000 |
| Printing, | 250 |
| Fire Department, | 600 |
| Public Library, | 350 |
| Prosecution of Liquor Cases, | 100 |
| Miscellaneous, | 500 |
| Removing Snow, | 600 |
| Raising Bridge at "Mohawk," | 500 |
| Decoration Day, | 50 |
| Painting School-houses, | 500 |
| Total, | $27,750 |

It was voted, that the sum of twenty thousand, seven hundred

* Notice further action in report of April meeting.

and fifty dollars ($20,750) be assessed upon polls and estates the current year.

It was voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

It was voted, that the Town Clerk be ordered to prepare a petition to the Selectmen, asking for the laying out of a road, beginning at a point near Charles Marsh's house, on Jerusalem road, and reaching southerly to some point on Atlantic Avenue, substantially covering the ground as indicated in Article twenty-eight of the warrant, and circulate the same for signatures.

It was voted, that the taxes the current year be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the same discounts be allowed, viz., five per cent. on all taxes voluntarily paid in to the Treasurer and Collector on or before the first day of September, and two per cent. on such paid on or before the tenth day of November; and all taxes remaining unpaid on the tenth day of January, 1885, shall be considered delinquent, and subject to collection according to law.

It was voted, that the list of Jurors be as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Frank P. Appleton, | Daniel N. Tower, |
| Philander Bates, | Samuel G. James, |
| Cyrus H. Bates, | Galen James, |
| Rufus Bates, Jr., | Charles L. Kittrell, |
| Joseph S. Bigelow, | George W. Kimball, |
| Herbert O. Beale, | Thomas Lincoln, |
| Walter S. Beal. | Caleb Lincoln, |
| Isaac W. Beal, | J. Q. A. Lothrop, |
| John Bryant, | Joseph W. Litchfield, |
| Charles G. Crockett, | Waldo C. Locke, |
| Orlando Curtis, | Samuel E. Pratt, |
| J. Foster Doane, | Robert B. Pratt, |
| Edward E. Ellms, | Aaron Pratt, |
| Stephen D. Farrar, | George W. Pratt, |
| John E. Groce, | Ziba C. Small, |
| Jesse C. Hayden, | Charles H. Willard, |
| Morgan B. Stetson, | Willie F. Thayer, |
| Andrew J. Souther, | Israel C. Vinal. |

It was voted, that the Financial Report be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

It was voted, "Yes, 56," "No, 94," upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the current year?"

It was voted, that the report of the Selectmen upon the proposed improvements to the Town Hall, with the plans, be placed upon file. Also voted, that Louis T. Cushing, Samuel Nichols and William A. W. Tilden be added to the Committee, heretofore consisting of the Selectmen only, and that they further consider the matter, revise the plans if necessary, and report at the next annual meeting.

It was voted, that the School Committee be instructed to take and fit up the lower part of the Town's building at the harbor, wherein the Harbor School is now kept, for a school-room, if they deem it expedient to do so.

It was voted, that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes, for the current year, be two hundred dollars.

It was voted, that the report of the Committee to prepare plans and estimates for a Receiving Tomb for the Beechwood section of the Town, be accepted and placed upon file.

It was voted, that the settlement of the claims of certain parties for gravel used by the Town, be left discretionary with the Selectmen to do what they deem right.

It was voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase, for the use of the Town upon the highways, a heavy, or stone roller, to be paid for from the appropriation for the repairs of highways.

It was voted, that the Town accept the provisions of Sections 64, 65 and 66, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, in relation to the election of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

It was voted, that the Selectmen cause two prominent ledges upon Beach Street to be removed, and pay for the same from the appropriation for the repairs of highways.

It was voted, that in future the financial year of the Town close on the thirty-first day of December, instead of the first day of February, as has been the custom and now is.

It was voted, that the matter of placing drain-pipe at the bottom of water courses under four bridges on Beechwood Street, be left with the Selectmen.

It was voted, that the Selectmen be invested with full powers to make contracts with the Hingham Water Company, to place hydrants and stand-pipes to be used in case of fire and for water-

ing the streets, provided the said Company bring the water-pipes into the Town during the current year; and the Treasurer is authorized to hire money, with the approval of the Selectmen, to pay for the same.

It was voted, that the matter of repairing Mill Bridge be left with the Selectmen.

It was voted, that the thanks of the meeting be extended to J. Q. A. Lothrop, Esq., for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Moderator, to preside over this meeting.

It was voted, at about 6.30 o'clock P. M., to dissolve this meeting.

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## TOWN MEETING, HELD APRIL 26, 1884.

J. Q. A. Lothrop, Esq., Moderator.

It was voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars ($700), for building a Receiving Tomb in the Beechwood District.

It was voted, that the amount voted at the last annual meeting to be raised for watering the streets the coming season, be reduced to four hundred dollars ($400) for watering Jerusalem road, as in years past; and an additional sum of two hundred dollars for continuing the watering to the Cohasset Railroad station, provided a like sum of two hundred dollars or more be raised by private subscription for the last-named section of road.

It was voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to take such action as they may deem proper, for the protection of public and private property in the vicinity of the Common from injury from the recklessness of ball-players.

It was voted, that the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800) be raised and appropriated, in addition to the amount raised at the last annual meeting, for special repairs upon streets and sidewalks, as follows, viz.:

| | |
|---|---|
| For sidewalks upon South Main Street, . . . . | $50 |
| " " Elm " . . . . | 100 |
| Doane Street, . . . . . | 50 |
| Forest Avenue, . . . . . | 100 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . . | $300 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | 300 |
| King Street, | 50 |
| Summer Street, | 100 |
| Hull Street, | 200 |
| South Main Street, | 100 |
| Not specified, | 50 |
| Total, | $800 |

It was voted, that fifteen per cent. of the whole amount raised for the repairs of highways the current year be expended upon the sidewalks.

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

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## ELECTION RECORD.

NOVEMBER 4, 1884.

### FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Whole number of ballots, 394.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Republican Ticket, | Blaine and Logan, | 237 |
| Democratic " | Cleveland and Hendricks, | 138 |
| Prohibition " | St. John and Daniel, | 17 |
| People's " | Butler and West, | 2 |

### FOR GOVERNOR.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

| | |
|---|---|
| George D. Robinson, of Chicopee, | 253 |
| William C. Endicott, of Salem, | 124 |
| Julius H. Seelye, of Amherst, | 16 |
| Matthew J. McCafferty, of Worcester, | 2 |

### FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

| | |
|---|---|
| Oliver Ames, of Easton, | 258 |
| James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield, | 119 |
| Henry H. Faxon, of Quincy, | 16 |
| Albert R. Rice, of Springfield, | 2 |

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, | 264 |
| Jeremiah Crowley, of Lowell, | 113 |
| George Kempton, of Sharon, | 16 |
| John P. Sweeney, of Lawrence, | 2 |

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

| | |
|---|---|
| Daniel A. Gleason, of Medford, | 264 |
| Charles Marsh, of Springfield, | 113 |
| Charles B. Knight, of Worcester, | 16 |
| Nathaniel S. Cushing, of Middleborough, | 2 |

For Auditor.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, | 264 |
| John Hopkins, of Millbury, | 113 |
| William W. Sherman, of Lowell, | 16 |
| Israel W. Andrews, of Danvers, | 2 |

For Attorney General.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

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|---|---|
| Edgar J. Sherman, of Lawrence, | 264 |
| John M. Cummings, of Fall River, | 113 |
| Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden, | 16 |
| Thomas W. Clarke, of Boston, | 2 |

For Councillor.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

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|---|---|
| Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford, | 264 |
| Isaiah T. Jones, of Sandwich, | 113 |
| John D. Flint, of Fall River, | 16 |
| Thomas B. Griffith, of Carver, | 2 |

For County Commissioner.

Whole number of ballots, 393.

| | |
|---|---|
| George W. Wiggin, of Franklin, | 264 |
| James Mackintosh, of Needham, | 113 |
| Joshua B. Hanners, of Walpole, | 16 |

For Representative to Congress.

Whole number of ballots, 395.

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|---|---|
| John D. Long, of Hingham, | 240 |
| William Everett, of Quincy, | 137 |
| George M. Buttrick, of Weymouth, | 16 |
| Edgar E. Dean, of Brockton, | 2 |

For Senator. — Second Plymouth District.

Whole number of ballots, 393.

| | |
|---|---|
| Horace Reed, of South Abington, | 264 |
| Van R. Swift, of Bridgewater, | 113 |
| Alpheus Holmes, of Brockton, | 16 |

For Representative to General Court.

Whole number of ballots, 393.

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|---|---|
| Charles A Litchfield, of South Scituate, | 252 |
| Joseph H. Corthell, of South Scituate, | 175 |
| George C. Cowing, of South Scituate, | 16 |

The vote of the Second Plymouth Representative District, for Representative to the General Court, was as follows, viz.: —

| | Scituate. | So. Scituate. | Cohasset. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chas. A. Litchfield, of So. Scituate, | 176 | 152 | 252 | 580 |
| Joseph H. Corthell, of So. Scituate, | 200 | 118 | 125 | 443 |
| George C. Cowing, of So. Scituate, | 47 | 45 | 16 | 108 |
| Henry A. Turner, of So. Scituate, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Richard P. Briggs, of So. Scituate, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Melville Little, of So. Scituate, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Charles A. Litchfield, of South Scituate, having a plurality of votes, was elected, and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

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Dogs Licensed During 1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| Male, | 106 |
| Female, | 6 |
| Total, | 112 |
| Number of Enrolled Militia, May 1, 1884, | 312 |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian of the Cohasset Free Public Library respectfully presents his annual report to the Board of Trustees.

The Library has been open every day during the year. By a vote of the Town the year closes the 31st of December, making this report for eleven months. During that time the number of books taken out was 9,395; the largest delivery being on August 16th, of 172 books; the smallest June 25th, 17. Number of registered borrowers to date, 942. Number of books added the past year, by donation, 41 volumes, 2 pamphlets; by purchase, 106; by binding, 24. Number of books in the Library, 3,511 volumes, 56 pamphlets.

Gifts of books have been received from Mr. Henry Wheelwright, Mr. Waldo Higginson, Mr. A. Brennock, Miss F. H. Nichols, Miss Hattie Morse, Mrs. M. A. Marsh, Miss B. Hincks, Mrs. H. Bruerton, and Government.

Of the books taken out the past year, 319 have been on History and Biography; 260 Travels and Geography; 36 Religion; 63 Science; 7,466 Fiction and Juveniles; 102 Literature and Poetry; 74 Agriculture and Horticulture; 1,075 Magazines.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BATES.

COHASSET, Jan. 5, 1885.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day, the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer were presented and accepted, and it was voted to ask the Town to appropriate the sum of $400 for the Library the coming year.

EDITH M. BATES, *Secretary.*

## Dr. Cohasset Free Public Library in Account Current with John W. Bates, Treasurer. Cr.

| 1884. | | 1884. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Cash paid for Books, | $146 56 | By Balance January 31st, 1884, | $6 27 |
| " " for Oil, | 1 40 | " Cash from out-town borrowers, | 2 00 |
| " " for Express, | 8 10 | " " one Annual Subscriber, | 1 00 |
| " " for Printing, | 5 36 | " " Town Appropriation, | 350 00 |
| " " for Covering Paper, | 6 00 | " " Levi Tower, Jr., summer resident, | 5 00 |
| " " for Cleaning, | 8 57 | " " Fines, | 22 48 |
| " " for Chimney and Wicks, | 37 | " " Sale of Cards, | 6 55 |
| " " for Varnish and Labor, | 2 00 | " " Sale of Catalogues, | 2 55 |
| " " for Binding, | 44 62 | " " Interest on deposit, | 4 00 |
| " " Librarian, | 150 00 | Balance due Treasurer, | 13 13 |
| " " Magazines, | 40 00 | | |
| | $412 98 | | $412 98 |

JOHN W. BATES, *Treasurer.*

December 31, 1884.

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen, in presenting the one hundred and fifteenth Annual Report of the expenditures of the Town, wish to call the attention of the tax payers to the final result of this year's expenses.

The Town, at its last annual meeting, voted that hereafter the financial year should end the last day of December, so that this report includes only eleven months.

The Selectmen have attempted this year to keep the expenses within the appropriations if possible, with what result you can see by examining carefully the annexed report. They congratulate themselves that they have succeeded in doing this in all the appropriations but one, and there the excess is only $66.15.

The cost of the support of the Poor is about the same as last year; but for the loss by death of a valuable horse, the expenses at the almshouse would have been $200, at the least, less than it is. The cost of the Poor outside of the almshouse is also about the same, but we believe it will not be so much next year by about five hundred dollars, therefore the Overseers of the Poor recommend that the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for the next current year.

The debt of the Town has been reduced seven thousand dollars, mostly by the receipts from the taxes from Corporations and National Banks, and the vote of the Town; the receipts from the State for National Banks is $5,140.73; Corporations, $4,537.25; total, $9,677.98, against $5,836.79 received from the same last year. $5,000 of the above was by vote of the Town, appropriated toward the Town expenses, leaving $4,677.98 to be used in reducing the debt and paying other expenses, for which no appropriations were made.

The Selectmen recommend that there be raised and appropriated for the repairs of Highways the sum of $4,000.00; $2,000.00 of the same to be given to the Surveyors to expend on their several districts, as the Selectmen may deem expedient; the balance to be allotted out to the several Surveyors, to be expended under the

direction of the Selectmen on particular streets, where, in the judgment of the Selectmen, it may be needed the most, and where the public and pleasure travel is the largest; or, to blast out ledges where they deem it best for the Town's interest, or for any other special repairs.

The Selectmen will report to the Town on March 2, 1885, in favor of the long talked of new road from Jerusalem road over Beach Island, Sandy Beach, and Little Harbor to Beach Street, with estimates of the cost of building a good road, and a pile bridge across Little Harbor; for the Town to accept or reject as they deem expedient; if the Town accepts the laying out, and concludes to build immediately after Town Meeting, or as soon after as the weather will permit, we recommend that the Town hire the money to build the same; thereby not increasing the rate of taxation for the coming year, and that the money be hired by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, as it may be needed, for a term of years, say ten, and at as low rate of interest as possible, by advertising for proposals from parties wishing to take the loan. We also recommend that the building of the road and bridge be let out by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, under the direction of the Selectmen, whether it shall be let in sections or as a whole.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884, AND THE FINANCIAL CONDITION, SAME DATE, AS PER VOTE OF THE TOWN AT ITS LAST ANNUAL MEETING.

## Repairs on Highways.

SAMUEL E. PRATT, Surveyor.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel E. Pratt, | labor, | man and team, | $125 71 |
| Oliver H. Bates, | " | " | 16 39 |
| Levi Lincoln, | " | " | 10 00 |
| Ira B. Pratt, | " | " | 13 18 |
| Caleb Lincoln, | " | " | 12 50 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | | | $000 00 |

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| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $177 78 | |
| Paid Joseph J. Silver, labor, man and team, | 14 73 | |
| Edwin W. Bates, " " | 11 38 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, " " | 3 50 | |
| Lot W. Bates, " " | 10 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, " " | 1 75 | |
| Geo. W. Kimball, " " | 8 50 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " " | 8 50 | |
| George W. Mealy, " " | 5 00 | |
| John W. Bates, 2d, " " | 8 50 | |
| George W. Pratt, " " | 8 75 | |
| Jos. W. Whitcomb, " " | 5 00 | |
| Thomas Williams, " " | 13 13 | |
| Arthur S. Bates, " " | 10 87 | |
| Isaac S. Pratt, " " | 4 37 | |
| George F. Sargent, labor, . . . | 10 50 | |
| Abraham J. Antone, " . . . | 8 00 | |
| Lewis L. Wheelwright, Jr., labor, . | 5 25 | |
| Alfred Haskell, " . | 5 25 | |
| Joseph Anderson, " . | 7 00 | |
| D. Herbert Wood, " . | 2 90 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, " . | 7 00 | |
| Robert L. Curtis, " . | 1 75 | |
| Antone Joseph, " . | 1 75 | |
| William T. Whitcomb, " . | 6 13 | |
| Moses Pratt, " . | 3 50 | |
| Orlando Curtis, " . | 1 75 | |
| Horace J. Damon, " . | 88 | |
| Hiram C. Litchfield, " . | 2 64 | |
| Frank Frates, " . | 5 25 | |
| Cyrus W. Wood, " . | 1 75 | |
| Frank Stoddard, " . | 1 75 | |
| Ervin Lincoln, " . | 1 32 | |
| Samuel V. Hardwick, " . | 1 75 | |
| Austin Lincoln, " . | 1 75 | |
| Weston Litchfield, " . | 88 | |
| William H. Reed, " . | 88 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, labor and gravel, . | 15 02 | |
| Aaron Pratt, gravel, . . . . | 9 54 | |
| Benjamin Ellms, " . . . . | 4 05 | |
| | | $400 00 |

LEVI L. WORRICK, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Levi L. Worrick, labor and team, . | $63 50 | |
| William O. Souther, " " . | 50 00 | |
| John Bates, 2d, " " . | 31 50 | |
| Peter Rooney, labor, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Harry Burbank, " . . . . | 2 50 | |
| Jesse T. Barnes, " . . . . | 31 50 | |
| Galen James, " . . . . | 24 50 | |
| Fred James, " . . . . | 22 50 | |
| John R. Colbrith, labor, . . . | 8 75 | |
| John Barnes, " . . . | 3 50 | |
| John Souther, gravel, . . . | 11 00 | |
| Thomas Bates, " . . . | 12 50 | |
| Thomas Roche, smithing, . . . | 1 25 | |
| | | $275 00 |

JAMES PETTEE, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and team, . . | $111 35 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . . | 55 00 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " . . | 30 50 | |
| William H. Mulvey, labor and team, . | 49 00 | |
| Patrick Downes, " " . | 28 00 | |
| Thomas Reidy, labor, . . . | 47 25 | |
| Isaac Phinney, " . . . . | 49 44 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . . . | 52 92 | |
| Hosea Cushing, " . . . . | 24 75 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . . . | 16 87 | |
| John H. Cook, " . . . . | 5 17 | |
| Peter L. Battles, " . . . . | 2 00 | |
| Thomas Roche, smithing, . . . | 2 75 | |
| | | $475 00 |

THOMAS BATES, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates, labor and team, . | $79 46 | |
| John Bates, 2d, " " . . | 86 00 | |
| Galen James, " " . . | 45 50 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " . . | 12 25 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, " " . . | 24 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $247 71 | |

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| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $247 71 | |
| Paid John Sweeney, labor, . . . | 13 57 | |
| John Mulcahy, " . . . . | 13 57 | |
| Arthur Mulvey, labor, . . . | 5 25 | |
| Nathaniel R. Prouty, " . . . | 1 30 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . . | 20 00 | |
| John L. Morey, " . . . | 1 30 | |
| William Campbell, " . . . | 20 50 | |
| John Barnes, " . . . | 15 10 | |
| Jesse T. Barnes, " . . . | 15 10 | |
| John N. Cook, " . . . | 8 00 | |
| Eugene Sweeney, " . . . | 15 35 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . . | 35 25 | |
| Thomas Bates, " . . . | 10 00 | |
| George T. Morey, " . . . | 3 00 | |
| | | $425 00 |

AMOS E. TILDEN, Surveyor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and team, . | $90 97 | |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " . | 18 37 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 27 14 | |
| Joseph Jason, " " . | 21 87 | |
| George W. Cousens, labor, . . | 35 45 | |
| John Howard, " . . | 38 91 | |
| Manuel Silva, " . . | 45 00 | |
| William J. Brennock, " . . | 23 14 | |
| Wallis Willcutt, " . . | 13 29 | |
| George Taylor, " . . | 10 07 | |
| Manuel Antone, " . . | 10 16 | |
| William Enos, " . . | 30 19 | |
| Antone Sidney, " . . | 21 44 | |
| George E. Stetson, " . . | 87 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 20 23 | |
| William St. Johns, " . . | 18 00 | |
| John Howard, labor, . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Alex. W. Hayden, labor, . . . | 1 00 | |
| | | $427 60 |

## Special Repairs on Highways.

SAMUEL E. PRATT, Surveyor.

*Special Repairs on South Main Street.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel E. Pratt, labor and team, . | $24 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, " " . | 5 00 | |
| George W. Mealy, " " . | 7 50 | |
| George W. Kimball, " " . | 5 25 | |
| Edwin Bates, " " . | 3 50 | |
| Henry L. Bates, labor, . . . | 1 75 | |
| Samuel V. Hardwick, labor, . . | 3 50 | |
| Joseph Silva, " . . | 3 50 | |
| Benjamin Ellms, gravel, . . . | 2 70 | |
| | | $56 70 |

*Special Repairs on Doane Street.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel E. Pratt, labor and team, . | $12 50 | |
| Thomas Lincoln, " " . | 7 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, " " . | 3 50 | |
| Edwin W. Bates, labor, . . . | 1 75 | |
| Hiram C. Litchfield, " . . . | 3 50 | |
| Thomas W. Whitcomb, labor, . . | 3 50 | |
| Benjamin H. Crane, " . . | 4 38 | |
| Joseph Silva, " . . | 2 63 | |
| Franklin Stoddard, " . . | 3 50 | |
| Horace J. Damon, " . . | 1 75 | |
| Thomas Williams, " . . | 3 50 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, gravel, . . . | 4 00 | |
| Aaron Pratt, " . . . | 2 00 | |
| | | $53 51 |

*Special Repairs on South Main Street Sidewalk.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Samuel E. Pratt, labor and team, . | $11 63 |
| Louis T. Cushing, " " . | 8 50 |
| George W. Mealy, " " . | 7 50 |
| Arthur S. Bates, labor, . . . | 2 63 |
| Elmer E. Bates, " . . . | 1 75 |
| Frank Litchfield, " . . . | 3 15 |
| Oliver H. Bates, " . . . | 2 63 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $37 79 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $37 79 | |
| Paid Frank Frates, labor, . . . | 1 75 | |
| Silas Litchfield, " . . . | 1 75 | |
| Frank Stoddard, " . . . | 1 75 | |
| Thomas Williams, " . . . | 4 38 | |
| Benjamin Ellms, gravel, . . . | 2 58 | |
| | | $50 00 |

THOMAS BATES, Surveyor.

*Special Repairs on Forest Avenue.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates, labor and team, . | $33 50 | |
| John Bates, 2d, " " . | 30 00 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, " " . | 24 50 | |
| Arthur Mulvey, labor, . . . | 5 00 | |
| Fred James, " . . . | 3 50 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . . | 1 75 | |
| Jesse T. Barnes, " . . . | 1 75 | |
| | | $100 00 |

AMOS E. TILDEN, Surveyor.

*Special Repairs on Elm Street Sidewalk.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, . | $14 75 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 14 00 | |
| Joseph Jason, " " . | 14 00 | |
| John Howard, labor, . . . | 8 75 | |
| William J. Brennock, labor, . . | 7 00 | |
| George W. Cousens, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Manuel Enos, " . . | 8 75 | |
| William Enos, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Frank Pearson, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 11 88 | |
| | | $100 13 |

*Special Repairs on Summer Street.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, . | $22 25 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 12 25 | |
| Joseph Jason, " " . | 12 25 | |
| John Howard, labor, . . . | 6 12 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $52 87 | |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | $52 87 | |
| Paid William J. Brennock, labor, . . | 5 25 | |
| George W. Cousens, " . . | 6 13 | |
| Manuel Silva, " . . | 7 00 | |
| William Enos, " . . | 7 00 | |
| Frank Pearson, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 11 72 | |
| | | $95 22 |

*Special Repairs on South Main Street.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, labor and teams, . | $17 00 | |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " . | 10 50 | |
| Joseph Jason, " " . | 10 50 | |
| John Howard, labor, . . . | 5 25 | |
| William J. Brennock, labor, . . | 5 25 | |
| George W. Cousens, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Manuel Silva, " . . | 5 25 | |
| William Enos, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Frank Pearson, " . . | 5 25 | |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, . . | 9 50 | |
| | | $79 00 |

JAMES PETTEE, Surveyor.

*Special Repairs on Hull Street Sidewalk.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James Pettee, labor and teams, . | $34 00 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . | 52 25 | |
| Richard H. Priest, labor and gravel, . | 47 25 | |
| Eugene Durfee, labor, . . . | 21 00 | |
| Thomas Reidy, " . . . | 22 75 | |
| Joseph F. Priest, " . . . | 22 75 | |
| | | $200 00 |

LEVI L. WORRICK, Surveyor.

*Special Repairs on King Street.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Levi L. Worrick, labor and teams, . | $15 70 | |
| William O. Souther, " " . | 10 75 | |
| Galen James, " " . | 13 25 | |
| Fred James, labor, . . . . | 6 25 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 1 05 | |
| | | $50 00 |

## Selectmen as Surveyors.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates, labor and team, | $17 | 50 |
| Horace J. Damon, mowing bushes, | 2 | 00 |
| John H. Morgan, labor, Beechwood St., | 5 | 15 |
| Abraham J. Antone, " " | 1 | 50 |
| Benjamin H. Crane, " " | 3 | 00 |
| John W. Bates, 2d, " " | 1 | 60 |
| Foster Litchfield, " " | | 50 |
| Waldo C. Locke, " " | | 42 |
| Elmer E. Bates, " " | | 25 |
| James Pettee, labor and teams, | 76 | 65 |
| Alden Beal, " " | 75 | 00 |
| Richard H. Priest, labor and teams, | 40 | 62 |
| William H. Mulvey, " " | 49 | 00 |
| Thomas Reidy, labor, | 62 | 12 |
| John N. Cook, " | 22 | 75 |
| Frank Antone, " | 22 | 75 |
| Joseph F. Priest, " | 12 | 25 |
| John F. Taylor, " | 2 | 00 |
| Isaac Phinney, " | 21 | 87 |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, &c., | 12 | 60 |
| Frank M. Nichols, smithing, | 12 | 15 |
| Thomas Roche, " | 1 | 25 |
| Amos E. Tilden, labor and team, | 55 | 39 |
| Manuel S. Leonard, " " | 21 | 87 |
| Morgan B. Stetson, " " | 6 | 12 |
| Joseph Jason, " " | 23 | 62 |
| John Howard, labor, | 14 | 42 |
| George W. Cousens, labor, | 13 | 55 |
| William J. Brennock, " | 13 | 55 |
| George E. Stetson, " | | 44 |
| Antone Sidney, " | 13 | 55 |
| Manuel Silva, labor, | 16 | 37 |
| William Enos, " | 13 | 55 |
| Frank Pearson, " | 13 | 55 |
| Peter Brennock, " | | 87 |
| Edward E. Tower, gravel, | 22 | 37 |
| Amos E. Tilden, " | 17 | 45 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $689 | 60 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $689 60 | |
| Paid Thomas Bates, labor and teams, . | 45 50 | |
| John Bates, 2d, " " . | 42 00 | |
| Thomas L. Bates, labor, . . . | 14 00 | |
| John R. Colbrith, " . . . | 3 50 | |
| Eugene Sweeney, " . . . | 8 75 | |
| James O'Brien, " . . . | 3 50 | |
| Cummins L. Lothrop, gravel, . . | 14 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, labor and team, . | 3 00 | |
| Waldo C. Locke, labor, . . . | 5 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, " . . . | 5 00 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, labor and teams, . | 6 75 | |
| Thomas E. Kinslie, labor, . . | 4 00 | |
| Lewis L. Wheelwright, Jr., " . . | 1 75 | |
| Michael N. Brennock, labor, Mill bridge, | 3 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, drain pipe, &c. | 77 14 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 5 70 | |
| Ezekiel Bates, labor and teams, . | 8 00 | |
| Isaiah Lincoln, gravel before 1884, . | 50 00 | |
| Aaron Pratt, " " " . | 25 00 | |
| Morss & Whyte, gravel screen, . | 8 00 | |
| Joseph Breck & Son, roller, . . | 125 10 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, freight on roller, . | 2 64 | |
| Gross & Nichols, rendrock, &c., . | 2 65 | |
| | | $1,153 58 |

## Removing Snow from Streets and Sidewalks.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Thomas Bates and others, . . | $ 5 00 | |
| Levi L. Worrick, and others, . | 52 25 | |
| James Pettee, " " . | 10 75 | |
| Samuel E. Pratt, " " . | 26 39 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, " " . | 57 50 | |
| William O. Souther, " " . | 23 65 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, " " . | 35 75 | |
| Alden Beal, " " . | 17 50 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, snow plow, . . | 20 00 | |
| | | $248 79 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount appropriated at the March meeting, 1884, for highways, . . | | $3,000 00 |
| Amount appropriated at April meeting, . | | 800 00 |
| Total, . . . . . | | $3,800 00 |
| Amount appropriated for the removal of snow in 1884, . . . | | 600 00 |
| Total for highways and removing snow, . | | $4,400 00 |
| Amount expended for highways, . . | $3,940 74 | |
| " " " removing snow, . | 248 79 | |
| | $4,189 53 | |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | 210 47 | |
| | | $4,400 00 |

## Repairs at Mohawk Bridge, Beach Street.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Andrew H. Prouty, per contract, . | $415 00 | |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying, . . | 5 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 5 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates " . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $440 50 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 59 50 |
| | | $500 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $500 00 |

## Watering Streets.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Lawrence F. Johnson, repairs on pump, | $5 00 |
| Joseph Breck & Sons, " " | 47 60 |
| Frank M. Nichols, " " | 3 00 |
| Alden Beal, watering, . . . | 300 00 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $355 60 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $355 60 | |
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $370 60 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . | | $229 40 |
| | | $600 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . | | $600 00 |

## Printing.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Cohasset Cottager, Reports, . | $142 50 | |
| " " Notices, Lists, &c., | 56 99 | |
| | | $199 49 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . | | 50 51 |
| | | $250 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . | | $250 00 |

## Fire Department.

### Fire Engine.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. W. Studley, steward for 1883, . | $30 00 | |
| " " to Nov. 1, 1884, | 15 00 | |
| Twenty-seven Firemen, poll-taxes, . | 54 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, lanterns, &c., . . | 4 42 | |
| William H. Beal, straps, &c., . . | 12 80 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, . . | 21 00 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, painting, . . | 1 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 10 12 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, smithing, . . | 7 10 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, horses to fires, . | 9 50 | |
| Lincoln Bros., wood, . . . | 2 63 | |
| Gross & Nichols, refreshments and oil, | 21 17 | |
| Frances H. Nichols, dry goods, . | 1 80 | |
| Richard H. Caddon, watching fires, . | 4 00 | |
| | | $195 04 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . . | | $195 04 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . . | | $195 04 |

HOOK AND LADDER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid William Mulvey, steward, . . | $10 00 | |
| George Jason, steward, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Nine Hook and Ladder Men, poll-taxes, | 18 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, curtains, . . . | 9 25 | |
| E. E. Wentworth, keys, . . . | 3 00 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs, . . | 3 50 | |
| Wallace S. Dunbar, refreshments, . | 2 94 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horses to fires, . | 4 50 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., wood, . . | 2 70 | |
| | | $63 89 |

HOSE CARRIAGE ON JERUSALEM ROAD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James S. Beal, rent in 1883, . . | $10 00 | |
| " " 1884, . . | 10 00 | |
| Charles L. Kittrell, cleaning, . . | 2 00 | |
| Three Hosemen, poll-taxes, . . | 6 00 | |
| Hingham Water Co., . . . | 86 93 | |
| Chapman Valve Manuf. Co., hydrant, | 33 75 | |
| | | $148 68 |
| Fire Engine, . . . . . | $195 04 | |
| Hose Carriage, Hydrants, &c., . | 148 68 | |
| Hook and Ladder, . . . . . | 63 89 | |
| | | $407 61 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 192 39 |
| | | $600 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $600 00 |

## Painting the Public Buildings.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel D. Tower, N. Schoolhouse, | $65 00 | |
| " " extra, . . | 40 | |
| " " Jerusalem S. H., | 40 00 | |
| " " extra and repairs, | 15 00 | |
| " " King Street S. H., | 20 00 | |
| " " extra and repairs, | 3 50 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $143 90 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $143 90 | |
| Paid Samuel D. Tower, Engine House, | 47 00 | |
| " " extra and repairs, | 3 70 | |
| Squire S. Gove, Harbor S. H., . | 48 00 | |
| " " extra, . . . | 50 | |
| Ziba C. Small, Centre S. House, . | 42 50 | |
| " " extra and repairs, . | 1 50 | |
| " " South S. House, . | 47 50 | |
| " " extra and repairs, . | 9 10 | |
| " " Beechwood S. H., . | 53 50 | |
| " " extra and repairs, . | 2 80 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, . . | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 5 00 | |
| | | $415 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . | | 85 00 |
| | | $500 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . | | $500 00 |

## Receiving Tomb, Beechwood.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Benjamin D. Litchfield, contract, . | $563 00 | |
| Edward Nichols, plans and specifications, | 19 71 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 12 50 | |
| Aaron Pratt, services, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Horace J. Damon, services, . . | 10 00 | |
| Edwin Bates, " . . | 10 00 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, " . . | 10 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " . . | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . | 10 00 | |
| | | $650 21 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . | | 49 79 |
| | | $700 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . | | $700 00 |

## Town Hall.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Elijah N. Barker, repairs, . . | $2 25 | |
| Samuel Bates, lantern, stoves, &c., . | 18 36 | |
| Samuel D. Tower, painting, &c., . | 3 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, repairs, . . | 5 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, . . | 10 51 | |
| Charles F. Tilden, repairs on lamp post, | 75 | |
| | | $40 37 |
| Income from Town Hall, . . . | | 41 00 |

## Public Library.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John W. Bates, Treasurer, . . . . . | $350 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | $350 00 |

## Henry Bryant Post G. A. R.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid William F. Thayer, Quartermaster, . . . | $50 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | $50 00 |

## School Appropriation.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Caleb Lothrop, Treasurer of School Committee, | $7,100 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | $7,100 00 |

## State and County Tax.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State Tax, . . . . . | $3,620 00 | |
| County Tax, . . . . . | 1,768 21 | |
| | | $5,388 21 |

## Abatement of Taxes.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated from tax of 1881, . . | $3 05 | |
| " " " " 1882, . . | 99 01 | |
| " " " " 1883, . . | 47 97 | |
| " " " " 1884, . . | 156 76 | $306 79 |

**Estate of Martin Beal v. Inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Hyde, Dickinson & Howe, the plaintiff's costs, | $282 88 | |
| Plaintiff's damages and interest, | 97 55 | |
| A. B. Endicott, expenses of jury, | 29 60 | |
| George Cushing, entertainment of jury, | 20 00 | |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying and witness fees, | 7 90 | |
| Isaac H. Lambert, witness fees, | 23 40 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, " " | 8 00 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, " " | 8 00 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, counsel fees, | 50 00 | |
| Alden Beal, carriages for jury, | 13 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, carriage hire, | 2 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, | 35 93 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, services and expenses, | 15 00 | |
| | | $593 76 |

No appropriation.

**Strait's Pond.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Alfred Beal, care of gates and oil, | $56 30 | |
| James S. Beal, watching gates nights, | 12 00 | |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying, | 7 50 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, team, | 4 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, | 5 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " | 5 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " | 5 00 | |
| | | $95 30 |

No appropriation.

Proposed Beach Island Road from Jerusalem Road to Beach Street, to be reported to the town by the Selectmen, March 2, 1885.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Daniel N. Tower, surveying and plan, | $70 00 | |
| " " assistant and team, | 20 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse-hire, | 5 50 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services, | 15 00 | |
| Philander Bates, " | 15 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " | 15 00 | |
| | | $140 50 |

No appropriation.

## Registrars of Voters.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Charles F. Tilden, services, . . | $16 80 | |
| John M. Damon, " . . | 16 80 | |
| C. James Pratt, " . . | 16 80 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, " . . | 21 80 | |
| Louis N. Lincoln, oil and care of room, | 3 00 | |
| | | $75 20 |

No appropriation.

## State and Military Aid.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ann M. Ripley, . . . . | $44 00 | |
| Catherine Manuel, . . . . | 44 00 | |
| Thomas Williston, . . . . | 24 00 | |
| Hannah F. Arnold, . . . . | 44 00 | |
| Harriet J. Apts, . . . . | 44 00 | |
| Asahel F. Nott, . . . . | 33 00 | |
| Edward H. Arnold, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| George Arnold. . . . . | 66 00 | |
| Julia F. Henry, . . . . | 44 00 | |
| Joseph Munnies, . . . . | 144 50 | |
| James Rooney, . . . . | 66 00 | |
| Alfred Haskell, . . . . | 56 00 | |
| Oliver D. Morey, . . . . | 24 00 | |
| Isaac Phinney, . . . . | 66 00 | |
| Warren Newcomb, . . . . | 42 00 | |
| Stephen P. Lincoln, . . . . | 12 00 | |
| | | $756 50 |
| To be reimbursed by the State, . . . . | | 545 00 |
| Amount paid by the town, . . . . . | | $211 50 |

No appropriation.

## Expenses in Liquor Cases.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Louis T. Cushing, counsel for officer, | $50 00 | |
| Edward E. Wentworth, Sullivan case, | 25 00 | |
| | | $75 00 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 25 00 |
| | | $100 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | $100 00 |

## Interest and Discount.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for Interest in 1884, . . . . | $1,402 01 | |
| " Discount " . . . . | 1,166 68 | |
| | | $2,568 69 |
| Amount appropriated for interest, . . | $1,500 00 | |
| " " " discount, . . | 1,000 00 | |
| | | $2,500 00 |

## Town Officers.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses as Selectman and Assessor, | $217 80 | |
| Philander Bates, " " " . | 140 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " " " . | 200 00 | |
| Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer and Collector, . . . . . | 200 00 | |
| Newcomb B. Tower, Town Clerk, . | 35 00 | |
| Allen C. Bates, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| James S. Beal, Constable, 1883, | 20 00 | |
| " " " 1884, | 20 00 | |
| Andrew H. Prouty, " " | 39 00 | |
| A. Bradford Litchfield, " " | 25 00 | |
| Orlando Curtis, " " | 25 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, " " | 25 00 | |
| Edward E. Wentworth, " " | 25 00 | |
| John Roche, Jr., " " | 19 35 | |
| John E. Groce, " " | 25 00 | |
| | | $1,066 15 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 1,000 00 |
| Exceeds the appropriation, . . . . | | $66 15 |

## Miscellaneous.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James S. Beal, killing dog, . . | $1 00 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, distributing Reports, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Daniel N. Tower, surveying Strait's Pond for a plan, . . . . . | 80 10 | |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $85 10 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . . | $85 10 |
| Paid C. W. S. Seymour, surveying Strait's Pond for a plan, . . . . . | 43 00 |
| Burton S. Treat, circulating petition, . | 1 00 |
| John W. Brennock and others, flag-staff, . . . . . | 5 00 |
| John H. Burdakin, copies of record, . | 20 00 |
| J. W. Lewis & Co., History of Norfolk County, . . . . . | 12 50 |
| Ann Thomas, cleaning offices, &c., . | 9 00 |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor S. S. house, | 2 25 |
| Zaccheus Rich, shingling " . | 33 50 |
| Alex. W. Hayden, whitewashing offices, | 3 00 |
| Cohasset M. F. I. Co , insurance on Minot house, . . . . . | 1 70 |
| Gross & Nichols, envelopes, stationery and postage, . . . . . | 29 39 |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 6 80 |
| Newcomb Bates, care of clock and ringing bell, . . . . . | 30 00 |
| W. A. W. Tilden, box for ballot-box, | 19 38 |
| " " pump, S. M. St., | 2 00 |
| Philander Bates, " " " | 1 50 |
| Samuel D. Tower, on ballot-box, . | 2 25 |
| " " on hearse, . . | 6 00 |
| Charles F. Tilden, " . . | 2 00 |
| " " on pump, . . | 1 05 |
| Daniel B. Francis, pump, B. Street, . | 2 50 |
| Zaccheus Rich, return of deaths, . | 5 75 |
| C. W. Sparrell, " " " . | 1 75 |
| J. B. Harvey, " " births, . | 2 50 |
| N. B. Tower, recording marriages, births and deaths, . . . . . | 45 60 |
| N. B. Tower, record books, . . | 2 80 |
| Joseph Osgood, school books, . . | 10 12 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of town hall at town meetings and when used free, | 12 00 |
| Louis N. Lincoln, care of lockup and tramps, . . . . . | 15 00 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . . | $414 44 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $414 44 | |
| Paid Amos E. Tilden, team for Assessors, | 6 00 | |
| " " " ballot box and flag-staff, . . . . . | 1 50 | |
| Ziba C. Small, guide board and painting, . . . . . | 4 00 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., manila, flag staff, | 7 44 | |
| Aaron Pratt, Waters' case, . . | 6 00 | |
| | | $439 38 |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 60 62 |
| | | $500 00 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | | 500 00 |

## Recapitulation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To repairs on highways, . . . . . | $3,940 74 | |
| Removing snow, . . . . . | 248 79 | |
| Repairs of Mohawk bridge, . . . | 440 50 | |
| Watering streets, . . . . . | 370 60 | |
| Printing, . . . . . | 199 49 | |
| Fire Department, . . . . . | 407 61 | |
| Painting public buildings, . . . | 415 00 | |
| Receiving tomb (Beechwood), . . | 650 21 | |
| Town Hall, . . . . . | 40 37 | |
| Public Library, . . . . . | 350 00 | |
| G. A. R. Post, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| School appropriation, . . . . . | 7,100 00 | |
| State and County tax, . . . . | 5,388 21 | |
| Abatement of Taxes, . . . . . | 306 79 | |
| Beal *vs.* Town, . . . . . | 593 76 | |
| Strait's Pond, . . . . . | 95 30 | |
| Beach Island Road, . . . . . | 140 50 | |
| Registrars of voters, . . . . . | 75 20 | |
| State and military aid, . . . . | 756 50 | |
| Liquor cases, . . . . . | 75 00 | |
| Interest and discount, . . . . . | 2,568 69 | |
| Town officers, . . . . . | 1,066 15 | |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 439 38 | |
| Overseers of the Poor, . . . . | 6,849 49 | |
| | | $32,568 28 |

## Financial Condition of the Town.

DECEMBER 31, 1884.

FUNDED DEBT. (Issue of May 1, 1876.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cohasset Savings Bank, 6 Notes due, 1885, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90. | | $6,000 00 |

(Issue of April 15, 1878.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| James W. Nichols. | Note due 1885, | $1,000 | |
| Ira B. Pratt. | " 1886, | 500 | |
| W. W. Clapp. | " 1886, | 500 | |
| James W. Nichols. | " 1887, | 1,000 | |
| W. W. Clapp. | " 1888, | 1,000 | |
| " " | " 1889, | 1,000 | |
| " " | " 1890, | 1,000 | |
| | | | $6,000 00 |
| Total funded debt, | | | $12,000 00 |

DEMAND NOTES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Martha T. Bates, | $1,000 | |
| A. H. Tower, trustee "Lothrop Heirs," | 3,700 | |
| | | $4,700 00 |
| Total interest bearing debt, | | $16,700 00 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, DECEMBER 31, 1884.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due from State, for State and Military Aid, | $545 00 | |
| State, for State Paupers, | 45 00 | |
| Town of Scituate, | 69 90 | |
| " Weymouth, | 421 23 | |
| James Dady, | 138 11 | |
| Mary J. Enos, | 350 00 | |
| Mary L. Mendoca estate, | 595 00 | |
| Thomas J. Sheridan, | 17 55 | |
| Cemetery Association, | 90 00 | |
| Minot estate, | 150 00 | |
| Wm. F. Thayer, | 5 00 | |
| Town of Hull, | 15 62 | |
| Mary O'Brien, | 200 00 | |
| Balance in Treasury, | 2,794 87 | |
| | | $5,437 28 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount of Interest Bearing Debt, . . | $16,700 00 |
| " Assets, . . . . . | 5,437 28 |
| " Actual Debt, . . . . | $11,262 72 |
| " " Feb. 1, 1884, . | 23,700 00 |
| " " Dec. 31, 1884, . | 16,700 00 |
| Decrease of " in 1884, . . | $7,000 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
} *Selectmen of Cohasset.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY COHASSET MASS.

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the Year ending December 31, 1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| Stock on hand February 1, 1884, . | $2,298 56 |
| Paid Ira B. Pratt, wood, 1883, . . . | 10 00 |
| John Souther, " . . . . | 10 00 |
| Elmer E. Bates, groceries, etc., . . | 121 99 |
| Herbert L. Brown, " . . . | 95 39 |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | 79 47 |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . | 150 27 |
| Gross & Nichols, groceries and grain, | 111 49 |
| Henry C. Tower, flour, . . . | 50 65 |
| David B. Tower, groceries, . . | 96 94 |
| W. S. Dunbar, " . . | 120 50 |
| Frances H. Nichols, dry goods, . . | 40 94 |
| Langdon W. Cook, clothing, . . | 95 74 |
| " " " harness, . . | 30 00 |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meats, . . | 284 03 |
| William F. Thayer, " . . | 76 23 |
| Danforth Sylvester, fish, . . . | 56 61 |
| Thomas Bates, meat, etc., 1883, . | 12 82 |
| Jeremiah R. Ainslie, grain, . . | 95 34 |
| George H. Briggs, grain, . . . | 38 73 |
| C. L. Damon, mowing machine, . | 12 00 |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., furniture, . | 20 36 |
| Samuel Bates, tin ware, etc., . . | 37 61 |
| Philander Bates, boots, shoes and mending, . . . . . | 23 00 |
| Edward E. Wentworth, express wagon, | 125 00 |
| " " " smithing, . | 18 10 |
| Thomas Roche, smithing (2 years), . | 26 60 |
| Charles F. Tilden, " . . . | 75 |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . | 27 00 |
| G. P. Pratt, " " . | 15 00 |
| *Amount carried forward*, - . . . | $4,181 12 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $4,181 12 | |
| Paid Frank W. Browne, medicine, . . | 11 19 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . . . | 46 92 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal and lumber, . | 37 79 | |
| W. O. Souther, ice, . . . . . | 11 80 | |
| Beal's Express, . . . . . | 15 30 | |
| Timothy L. Burbank, lumber, . . | 3 25 | |
| Edwin Bailey, grass, . . . | 12 00 | |
| E. B. Bryant, " . . . | 9 00 | |
| Kilburn B. Merett, pasturing, . . | 6 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . | 33 50 | |
| Frank T. Stewart, burying horse, . | 3 00 | |
| Isaac H. Young, 1 horse, . . | 160 00 | |
| " " sundry bills, . . | 61 50 | |
| " " salary, . . | 275 00 | |
| Katie McEchron, wages, . . | 56 00 | |
| Mary Tromer, " . . | 28 50 | |
| Anger Evans, " . . | 57 00 | |
| William H. Beal, repairing harnesses, | 13 60 | |
| Overseers of the Poor, services, . | 75 00 | |
| | | $5,097 47 |

## Stock at Alms House, December 31, 1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 horses, . . . . . | $200 00 |
| 5 cows, . . . . . | 225 00 |
| 1 two-year-old, . . . . . | 35 00 |
| 2 calves, . . . . . | 16 00 |
| 50 hens, . . . . . | 37 50 |
| 1 two-horse farm wagon, . . . | 100 00 |
| 1 express wagon, . . . . . | 125 00 |
| 1 horse cart, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 1 pung, . . . . . | 30 00 |
| 1 two-horse sled, . . . . . | 70 00 |
| 3 ploughs, . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 1 cultivator, . . . . . | 5 50 |
| 1 horse rake, . . . . . | 7 00 |
| 1 mowing machine, . . . . . | 12 00 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $913 00 |

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|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $913 00 |
| 1 two-horse hoe, . . . . | 13 00 |
| 1 harrow, . . . . . | 9 00 |
| 1 drag and stock, . . . . | 7 00 |
| 1 wheelbarrow, . . . . | 4 50 |
| 1 set double harness, . . . | 75 00 |
| 1 single harness, . . . . | 36 00 |
| 2 cart " . . . . | 15 00 |
| 1 lead " . . . . | 6 00 |
| Robes and blankets, . . . | 5 00 |
| 1 grindstone, . . . . . | 9 00 |
| Carpenters' tools, . . . . | 5 00 |
| Saws and axes, . . . . | 9 00 |
| Farming tools, . . . . | 25 00 |
| Chains, &c., . . . . | 10 00 |
| Drills, hammers, &c., . . . | 20 00 |
| Paints, oil and brushes, . . | 3 00 |
| Household furniture, . . . | 375 00 |
| 1 refrigerator, . . . . | 10 00 |
| 1 sewing machine, . . . . | 35 00 |
| Stoves and fixtures, . . . | 55 00 |
| Crockery and glass ware, . . | 22 00 |
| Cutlery, spoons, &c., . . . | 20 00 |
| Wooden ware, . . . . | 22 00 |
| Tin, earthern and stone ware, . | 40 00 |
| Casks and barrels, . . . | 16 00 |
| Grain and bags, . . . . | 7 00 |
| 35 bush. potatoes, . . . . | 26 25 |
| 3 " beets, . . . . | 1 50 |
| 5 " French turnips, . . . | 3 75 |
| 10 " English " . . . | 5 00 |
| 3 tons squashes, . . . . | 30 00 |
| 8 doz. cabbages, . . . . | 4 00 |
| 1¾ barrels flour, . . . . | 10 50 |
| 200 lbs. corned beef, . . . | 20 00 |
| 400 " salt pork, . . . . | 44 00 |
| 120 " hams, . . . . | 14 40 |
| 75 " shoulders, . . . . | 7 50 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $1,933 40 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* . . . . | $1,933 40 | |
| 160 lbs. lard, . . . . . | 19 20 | |
| Groceries, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| 2½ tons coal, . . . . . | 18 00 | |
| 8 cords hard wood, . . . . | 48 00 | |
| 2 " pine " . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| 1 " trash " . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| 10 tons English hay, . . . . | 200 00 | |
| 7 " salt " . . . . | 63 00 | |
| 1½ " corn fodder, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| Frame for wagon, . . . . . | 8 00 | |
| Lot of manure, . . . . . | 100 00 | |
| | | $2,430 60 |

*Account of Sales and Income.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By D. O. Wade, milk, . . . . . | $197 00 | |
| E. G. Stewart, chickens, . . . . | 14 40 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, pork, . . . . | 14 00 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, veal and pork, . | 27 00 | |
| Francis E. Mérett, express wagon, . | 8 00 | |
| Amos E. Tilden, pigs, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Robert B. Pratt, " . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Charles B. Burbank, " . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Samuel G. James, 1 bull, . . . . | 18 00 | |
| Charles H. Litchfield, wood, . . . | 2 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, potatoes, . . . | 1 30 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, " . . . . | 1 30 | |
| Manuel Silva, 2d interest on Mendoca note for house, . . . . . | 35 70 | |
| A. H. Tower, trustee J. J. Lothrop, . | 169 58 | |
| | | $508 28 |
| Amount of stock on hand Dec. 31, 1884, . | $2,430 60 | |
| " sales and income, . . . | 508 28 | |
| | | $2,938 88 |
| Debit brought forward, . . . . . | $5,097 47 | |
| Credit " " . . . . . | 2,938 88 | |
| Almshouse debtor to balance, . . . | | $2,158 59 |
| Expenses of inmates at Almshouse for 533 weeks at $4.04$\frac{527}{533}$ per week, amounts to | | $2,158 59 |

The following persons remain in the Almshouse Dec. 31, 1884:

| | |
|---|---|
| Elizabeth Hudson. | William C. Hayden. |
| Jane B. Lambert. | David Vinal. |
| Augusta Silva. | Benjamin F. Everett. |
| Frances George. | Robert Williams. |
| Antone George. | Joseph W. Pratt. |
| John J. Lothrop, boarder. | |

## Partial Support of Persons outside of Almshouse,

With Names of Heads of Families, and Amount paid to each Family, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1884.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Sarah A. Koop, | $141 71 |
| Sarah A. Koop, mortgage and interest, | 134 77 |
| Manuel Enos, | 66 00 |
| Myra Gardner, | 69 00 |
| Joseph F. Martin, | 66 00 |
| Elizabeth Ainslie, | 296 71 |
| Mary O'Brien, | 70 65 |
| Lois Ney, | 47 00 |
| Charles J. McCarty, | 18 11 |
| Joseph E. Smith, | 115 95 |
| Reta Frates, | 96 47 |
| Isaac H. Tower, | 276 90 |
| Stephen Taylor, | 52 90 |
| William Hayden, | 36 16 |
| William H. Litchfield, | 111 13 |
| Susan Meeker, | 80 25 |
| John Tyrer, | 118 22 |
| Henry L. Bates, | 55 61 |
| Addie L. Bogues, | 108 34 |
| Patrick Mulcahy, | 28 85 |
| John F. Prentiss, | 16 52 |
| Sarah Cogswell, | 15 14 |
| Mary A. Kent, | 74 00 |
| Abigail B. Orcutt, | 20 00 |
| Thankful R. Souther, | 48 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $2,164 39 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $2,164 39 | |
| Paid Eunice Sterling, . . . . | 65 06 | |
| Helen Mann, . . . . . | 17 00 | |
| Henry Carter, . . . . . | 8 00 | |
| George W. Powers, . . . . | 8 73 | |
| William F. Harris, . . . . | 337 72 | |
| Maggie Silva, . . . . . | 32 04 | |
| Mrs. Oliver Henderson, . . . | 171 40 | |
| Mary Silva, . . . . . | 12 00 | |
| Julia Macomber, . . . . | 193 04 | |
| Elizabeth J. Dady, . . . . | 138 11 | |
| William Kilburn, . . . . | 185 86 | |
| George B. Williams, . . . . | 188 92 | |
| George F. Groves, . . . . | 197 82 | |
| William T. Stewart, . . . . | 111 36 | |
| Lot Willcutt, . . . . . | 99 25 | |
| Overseers of the Poor, . . . | 117 88 | |
| | | $4,050 58 |

Payments have been made to the following persons during the year, on account of assistance outside, to Dec. 31, 1884:

| | |
|---|---|
| Sarah A. Koop, orders on Treasurer, . | $36 00 |
| Manuel Enos, " " . | 66 00 |
| Myra Gardner, " " . | 69 00 |
| Joseph F. Martin, " " . | 66 00 |
| Elizabeth Ainslie, " " . | 110 00 |
| Mary O'Brien, " " . | 69 00 |
| Reta Frates, " " . | 40 00 |
| Lizzie Wilson, for Mrs. Koop, . . . | 22 00 |
| Cohasset Sav. B'k, Mrs. Koop, mortgage, . | 136 77 |
| Zaccheus Rich, " " burial, . | 54 00 |
| Newcomb L. Damon, " " attendance, | 10 00 |
| Samuel Bates, stove lining, Koop, . . | 1 15 |
| Amos E. Tilden, horse hire, . . . | 4 00 |
| Cohasset M. F. I. Co., Ainslie & O'Brien, | 5 05 |
| Elefia J. Arnold, rent for Ney, . . . | 12 00 |
| Lot W. Bates, rent for Smith & Bogues, . | 45 00 |
| M. Lottie Pratt, for I. H. Tower, . . | 5 00 |
| *Amount carried forward*, . . . . | $750 97 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . | $750 97 | |
| Town of Scituate, Litchfield & Prentiss, . | 92 27 | |
| H. A. Seaverns & Co., Litchfield, . . | 9 13 | |
| Aaron Pratt, Mrs. Meeker, . . . | 3 00 | |
| George W. Pratt, Mrs. Meeker, . . | 3 50 | |
| Philander Bates, Ainslie, Tower & Mulcahy, | 80 33 | |
| Frank W. Browne, Tower, Smith, etc., . | 29 25 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., coal and wood, . . | 99 79 | |
| Bourne & Nickerson, meats, . . . . | 163 06 | |
| J. B. Harvey, medical attendance, . . | 25 00 | |
| G. P. Pratt, " " . . | 118 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, groceries, . . . | 16 31 | |
| Elmer E. Bates, " . . . | 126 05 | |
| Gross & Nichols, " . . . | 136 33 | |
| Lincoln Brothers, coal, . . . . | 19 75 | |
| William F. Thayer, meat, . . . | 50 09 | |
| M. B. Stetson & Co., groceries, . . | 182 46 | |
| Herbert L. Brown, " . . . | 120 85 | |
| City of Boston, Kent and others, . . | 222 20 | |
| City of Taunton, Powers, . . . | 8 73 | |
| City of Newburyport, Henderson, . . | 171 40 | |
| Town of Ashburnham, Harris, . . | 337 72 | |
| Worcester Lunatic Hospital, . . . | 193 04 | |
| Worcester Chronic Insane, . . . | 138 11 | |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital, . . . | 783 21 | |
| State of Massachusetts, . . . . | 32 04 | |
| W. S. Dunbar, groceries, . . . | 20 11 | |
| J. Q. A. Lothrop, services and expenses, . | 77 88 | |
| Philander Bates, services, . . . | 20 00 | |
| Caleb F. Nichols, " . . . | 20 00 | |
| | | $4,050 58 |

Amounts to be reimbursed to the Town:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From James Dady, for E. J. Dady, . . | $138 11 | |
| Town of Hingham, . . . | 69 00 | |
| Town of Rockland, . . . | 18 11 | |
| Town of Weymouth, . . . | 197 82 | |
| Town of Scituate, . . . . | 69 90 | |
| State of Massachusetts, . . . | 45 00 | |
| | | $537 94 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount paid for outside relief, . . | $4,050 58 | |
| " to be reimbursed, . . . | 537 94 | |
| | | $3,512 64 |
| Almshouse expense, . . . . . | | 2,158 59 |
| Cost of Poor to Dec. 31, 1884, . . | | $5,671 23 |
| Amount appropriated, . . . . . | $5,500 00 | |
| " received from Koop estate, . . | 850 00 | |
| " received from Minot estate (part), | 181 75 | |
| | $6,531 75 | |
| Amount unexpended, . . . . . | | 860 52 |
| | | $6,531 75 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Overseers of the Poor of Cohasset.*

# Dr. Town of Cohasset in Account with

1884–'85.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To paid Selectmen's Orders, drawn to date, | $16,467 | 59 |
| " State aid and relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors, | 744 | 00 |
| " Appropriation for School-teaching, fuel and repairs, | 7,100 | 00 |
| " Assessors' Orders for abatement of taxes, | 306 | 79 |
| " Discount on taxes, 1884, per vote of Town, | 1,166 | 68 |
| " State of Massachusetts, tax for 1884, | 3,620 | 00 |
| " County of Norfolk, tax for 1884, | 1,768 | 21 |
| " State Treasurer, for liquor license, | | 25 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, funded note, due 1884, | 1,000 | 00 |
| " James Wilson, " due 1884, | 1,000 | 00 |
| " Cohasset Savings Bank, outstanding demand notes, | 5,000 | 00 |
| " " " " for hired money temporarily, | 7,000 | 00 |
| " Hingham National Bank, " " " | 3,500 | 00 |
| " Interest on Town's notes, | 1,402 | 01 |
| | $50,075 | 53 |
| Balance in Treasury, | 2,794 | 87 |
| | $52,870 | 40 |

COHASSET, January, 1885.

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COHASSET, January 1, 1885.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
PHILANDER BATES,
CALEB F. NICHOLS,
*Selectmen of Cohasset.*

# Abraham H. Tower, Treasurer. Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1884–'85. | | |
| By Balance in Treasury from former account, | | $2,494 10 |
| Received of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, | Corporation tax, | 4,537 25 |
| " " " | Nat'l Bank tax, | 5,140 73 |
| " " " | State Aid, | 603 00 |
| " " " | Paupers, | 60 71 |
| " | Town of Scituate, account for 1883, | 189 01 |
| " | " Hingham, aid to Myra Gardner, | 75 00 |
| " | " Rockland, aid to Chas. McCarty, | 18 11 |
| " | Frank W. Browne, for liquor license, | 1 00 |
| " | Frank B. Young, for pedlar's license, | 8 00 |
| " | Weymouth and Braintree Fire Ins. Co., return premiums, | 13 40 |
| " | Cohasset Mutual Fire Ins. Co., office rent, | 60 00 |
| " | Andrew J. Studley, for deed of Koop Estate by Overseers of the Poor, | 850 00 |
| " | Joseph Caton, payment on account Minot Estate, | 175 00 |
| " | " for interest on note, | 6 75 |
| " | Manuel Sylvia, 2d, " " | 35 70 |
| " | M. & M. J. Enos, " on mortgage, | 4 50 |
| " | Interest on bank deposits and fees on delinquent taxes, | 92 57 |
| " | Interest on Ripley Fund, | 45 50 |
| " | Louis N. Lincoln, income of Town Hall, | 41 00 |
| " | Proceeds of sales at Almshouse, milk, &c., | 303 00 |
| " | A. H. Tower, Trustee, for support J. J. Lothrop at Almshouse, | 169 58 |
| " | Sale of gravel at Strait's Pond, | 2 00 |
| " | Cohasset Savings Bank, hired money in anticipation of taxes, | 7,000 00 |
| " | Hingham National Bank, hired money in anticipation of taxes, | 3,500 00 |
| " | Amount of Tax list for 1884, | 27,444 49 |
| | | $52,870 40 |

ABRAHAM H. TOWER, *Treasurer.*

## Town of Cohasset in Account with the School Committee.

1884. *Dr.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **High School.** | | |
| Paid Principal Teacher, . . . . | $880 00 | |
| Assistant, . . . . . | 560 00 | |
| | | $1,440 00 |
| *Fuel, &c.* | | |
| Lincoln Bros., fuel, . . . | $41 80 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., fuel, . . . | 62 82 | |
| Wm. O'Keefe, janitor, . . . | 28 13 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, janitor, . . | 18 00 | |
| T. H. Henry, " . . | 2 50 | |
| Mrs. Joy B. Hall, use of well, . | 5 00 | |
| A. H. Bissell, music, . . . | 1 50 | |
| | | $159 75 |
| *Repairs, &c.* | | |
| Samuel Bates, expense on stoves, &c., | $26 46 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, carpentering, . | 13 35 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, &c., . | 2 04 | |
| Chas. F. Tilden, iron work, . . | 1 55 | |
| Shades, chair, &c., . . . | 15 10 | |
| Diplomas, &c., . . . . | 10 17 | |
| Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Smith, cleaning, | 15 73 | |
| | | $84 40 |
| **North School.** | | |
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $272 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 240 00 | |
| | | $512 00 |
| *Fuel, &c.* | | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., fuel, . . | $41 18 | |
| Care of rooms and fires, . . | 18 00 | |
| | | $59 18 |
| *Repairs, &c.* | | |
| Thomas Willcutt, carpentering, . | $7 25 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, &c., . . | 9 18 | |
| Bela Stoddard, repairing cistern, . | 4 25 | |
| Chas. F. Tilden, iron work, . . | 1 25 | |
| Mrs. Julia F. Henry, cleaning, . | 14 85 | |
| | | $36 78 |

### Centre School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $272 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 240 00 | |
| | | $512 00 |

*Fuel, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lincoln Bros., fuel, . . . | $39 36 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, wood, . . | 2 50 | |
| Solomon J. Hayden, labor on wood, &c., | 6 10 | |
| Care of rooms and fires, . . | 25 00 | |
| | | $72 96 |

*Repairs, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| W. A. W. Tilden, carpentering, . | $26 44 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, &c., . | 7 87 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, &c., . . | 16 82 | |
| Elijah N. Barker, setting glass, &c., | 4 95 | |
| Mrs. Mulcahy, cleaning, . . | 9 00 | |
| Gross & Nichols, soap, &c., . . | 1 94 | |
| | | $67 02 |

### South School.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $272 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 240 00 | |
| | | $512 00 |

*Fuel, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lincoln Bros., fuel, . . . | $48 19 | |
| M. B. Stetson, wood, . . . | 5 00 | |
| C. James Nichols, wood, . . | 3 50 | |
| Labor on wood, &c., . . . | 3 00 | |
| Care of rooms and fires, . . | 10 00 | |
| | | $69 69 |

*Repairs, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| W. A. W. Tilden, carpentering, . | $3 75 | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, &c., . | 72 41 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, &c., . . | 8 79 | |
| Mrs. P. D. Nichols, cleaning, . . | 17 00 | |
| S. J. Hayden, cleaning vaults, . | 2 35 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, grading, . . | 14 00 | |
| | | $118 30 |

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|---|---|---|
| **Beechwood School.** | | |
| Paid Grammar School Teacher, . . | $360 00 | |
| Primary " " . . | 240 00 | |
| | | $600 00 |
| *Fuel, &c.* | | |
| Lot W. Bates, 9 cords of wood, . | $53 00 | |
| " " labor on wood, . | 20 00 | |
| Care of rooms and fires, . . . | 20 00 | |
| Mrs. C. H. Wood, use of well, . | 2 00 | |
| | | $95 00 |
| *Repairs, &c.* | | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, &c., . | $6 56 | |
| Daniel B. Frances, labor, . . | 4 62 | |
| Warren Bates, " . . | 2 00 | |
| Carroll W. Clark, chairs, . . | 2 00 | |
| Lot W. Bates, cleaning, &c., . . | 8 00 | |
| | | $23 18 |
| **Centre Intermediate School.** | | |
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $272 00 |
| *Fuel, &c.* | | |
| Lincoln Bros., fuel, . . . | $33 06 | |
| Care of rooms and fires, . . | 5 75 | |
| | | $38 81 |
| *Rent, &c.* | | |
| Elijah N. Barker, rent, . . . | $50 00 | |
| Carroll W. Clark, desks, . . | 28 50 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, labor on desks, &c., | 8 75 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, &c., . . | 2 43 | |
| Mrs. Mulcahy, cleaning, . . . | 2 50 | |
| | | $92 18 |
| **Harbor School.** | | |
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $240 00 |
| *Fuel, &c.* | | |
| Tower, Bro. & Co., fuel, . . . | $18 01 | |
| Louis T. Cushing, wood, . . . | 2 50 | |
| S. J. Hayden, labor on wood, . . | 2 75 | |
| Care of room and fire, . . . | 9 00 | |
| | | $32 26 |

*Repairs, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tower, Bro. & Co., lumber, etc., . | $0 90 | |
| W. A. W. Tilden, carpentering, . | 3 00 | |
| A. W. Hayden, repairing vault, . | 3 00 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, etc., . . | 4 27 | |
| Miss D. S. Lothrop, moulding table, . | 6 00 | |
| Mrs. Thomas, cleaning, . . . | 8 00 | |
| | —— | $25 17 |

JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $272 00 |

*Fuel, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lincoln Bros., 4¼ cords wood, . . | $24 75 | |
| " " preparing and carting, etc., . . . | 10 63 | |
| Miss Annie Fox, cleaning, . . | 13 15 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 1 75 | |
| Care of room, . . . . . | 3 00 | |
| | —— | $53 28 |

KING STREET SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Teacher, . . . . . | | $272 00 |

*Fuel, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Harry W. Burbank, 3 cords wood, . | $17 00 | |
| " " preparing and carting, etc., . . . . . | 5 50 | |
| Jas. McCormick, labor on wood, . | 50 | |
| Care of room and fire, . . . | 9 00 | |
| | —— | $32 00 |

*Repairs, &c.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| W. A. W. Tilden, carpentering, . | $3 00 | |
| Chas. F. Tilden, iron work, . . | 85 | |
| Samuel Bates, supplies, . . . | 37 | |
| Mrs. Williston, cleaning, . . . | 5 00 | |
| | —— | $9 22 |

### Miscellaneous.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid sundry bills for books and stationery, | | $505 47 |
| Rev. Joseph Osgood, superintendent, . | $200 00 | |
| Treasurer's salary to March 1, 1884, . | 25 00 | |
| C. Lothrop, Treasurer to Jan. 1, 1885, | 20 83 | |
| Arthur M. Raymond, tuning piano, . | 2 50 | |
| Andrew H. Prouty, truant officer, . | 6 00 | |
| Israel C. Vinal, " " . | 10 00 | |
| John H. Morgan, " " . | 5 00 | |
| Beal's express, . . . . . | 19 95 | |
| C. F. B. Tilden, carriage hire from Sept., 1883, . . . . . | 55 50 | |
| Old Colony Railroad, freight, . . | 25 | |
| | | $345 03 |

### Recapitulation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid amount in excess of appropriation, per report for 1883–84, | $446 30 | |
| Error in amount paid teachers, 1883–84, | 60 00 | |
| S. D. Tower, bill for 1883, . . | 14 00 | |
| A. H. Prouty, truant officer, 1883, . | 12 00 | |
| Mrs. P. D. Nichols, care of So. School to March 1, 1884, . . . . | 10 00 | |
| | | $542 30 |
| Less error in amount due teachers 1883–84, | | 68 50 |
| Correct amount in excess of appropriation, 1883–84, . . . . . | | $473 80 |
| Paid for teaching since March 1, . . | $4,632 00 | |
| Bills for fuel and care of rooms, . | 612 93 | |
| Repairs, etc., on school houses, . . | 456 25 | |
| Books and stationery, . . . | 505 47 | |
| Miscellaneous, . . . . . | 345 03 | |
| | | $6,551 68 |
| | | $7,025 48 |
| Balance unexpended, . . . | | 74 52 |
| | | $7,100 00 |

*Cr.*

*Received from Town Treasurer.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount of appropriation for teachers, fuel, etc., | $6,100 00 | |
| Amount of appropriation for repairs, etc., | 1,000 00 | |
| | | $7,100 00 |

C. LOTHROP, *Treasurer,*
*for the School Committee.*

J. Q. A. LOTHROP,
LOUIS T. CUSHING,
DR. J. B. HARVEY,
} *School Committee.*

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**Estimated amounts to be appropriated and raised by taxation or otherwise for the ensuing year.**

| | |
|---|---|
| For payment of debt, | $2,000 00 |
| " interest, | 1,200 00 |
| " discount on taxes, | 1,000 00 |
| Support of poor, | 5,000 00 |
| " Schools, | 5,700 00 |
| Repairs on school houses and salaries of Superintendent and Treasurer of Committee, | 1,000 00 |
| Removing snow, | 500 00 |
| Watering Jerusalem road, | 400 00 |
| Repairs of highways, | 4,000 00 |
| Town officers, | 1,000 00 |
| Printing, | 200 00 |
| Fire department, | 500 00 |
| Public library, | 400 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 500 00 |
| | $23,400 00 |
| State and County taxes estimated, | 4,500 00 |
| | $27,900 00 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $27,900 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward*, . . . . . | | $27,900 00 |
| Amount estimated to be received from | | |
| Bank and Corporation taxes, . | $5,000 00 | |
| Cash and unpaid taxes in treasury, . | 2,000 00 | |
| | | $7,000 00 |
| | | $20,900 00 |
| Amount recommended to be raised by taxation, . | | $16,400 00 |
| State and County tax, estimated, . . . . | | 4,500 00 |
| | | $20,900 00 |

## Table of Aggregates.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1883, . | | $1,874,654 00 |
| " Personal Estate, May 1, 1883, . | | 1,105,840 00 |
| Total valuation, . . . . . | | $2,980,484 00 |
| Valuation of Real Estate, May 1, 1884, . . | | $1,892,553 00 |
| " " Personal Estate, May 1, 1884, . | | 1,153,836 00 |
| Total valuation, . . . . . | | $3,046,389 00 |
| Increase of Real Estate in 1884, . . . . | | $17,899 00 |
| " " Personal Estate in 1884, . . . | | 47,996 00 |
| Total increase, . . . . . | | $65,895 00 |
| Number of polls in 1883, . . | 585 | |
| " " " 1884, . . | 582 | |
| Decrease in polls, . . . | 3 | |
| Tax on polls and estates, . . . . | | $27,444 49 |
| Rate per cent. on $1,000, . . . . | | 8 60 |
| Number of dwelling houses in 1884, . . | | 566 |
| " " horses, . . . . . | | 241 |
| " " cows, . . . . . | | 313 |
| " " sheep, . . . . . | | 22 |
| " " acres taxed, . . . . | | 5,953 |

## List of Jurymen.

DRAWN DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| March 25, | Philander Bates, | Grand Juror. |
| " 29, | Robert B. Pratt, | Superior Court. |
| April 18, | George W. Kimball, | " " |
| Aug. 26, | Isaac W. Beal, | " " |
| Sept. 10, | J. Q. A. Lothrop, | " " |
| Nov. 25, | J. Foster Doane, | " " |
| Dec. 8, | George W. Pratt, | " " |

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## List of Jurors,

*To be accepted or rejected by the Town, at its next Annual March Meeting, March* 2, 1885.

Frank P. Appleton,
Cyrus H. Bates,
Rufus Bates,
Joseph S. Bigelow,
Herbert O. Beale,
John Bryant,
Walter S. Beal,
Orlando Curtis,
Edward E. Ellms,
Stephen D. Farrar,
A. Bradford Litchfield,
Waldo C. Locke,
Samuel E. Pratt,
Aaron Pratt,
Daniel W. Pratt,
Ziba C. Small,
Morgan B. Stetson,
Andrew J. Souther,
John E. Groce,
Jesse C. Hayden,
Samuel G. James,
Galen James,
Charles L. Kittrell,
Cyrus R. Keene,
Thomas Lincoln,
Caleb Lincoln,
J. Q. A. Lothrop,
Joseph W. Litchfield,
Daniel N. Tower,
Charles H. Willard,
Charles F. Tilden,
Willie F. Thayer,
Israel C. Vinal,
C. James Pratt,
Levi L. Nichols,
G. T. W. Braman.

## ARTICLES TO BE IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

### March 2, 1885.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To act upon the Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Public Library, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Treasurer of School Committee, and School Committee.

Art. 3. To choose all Town Officers required by law and By-laws of the Town.

Art. 4. What sums of money will the Town raise and appropriate for the Payment of the Debts, Interest and Discount, Repairs of Highways, Support of Poor and Schools, Repairs of School Houses, Public Library, and other necessary charges and expenses for the current year. Also, will the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money, in anticipation of the Taxes, and to pay State and Military Aid.

Art. 5. In what manner will the Town collect the Taxes, and at what times shall they be paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide-Boards, and act thereon.

Art. 7. Will the Town accept the List of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 8. Will the Town cause the Financial Report to be printed and distributed in the month of February next.

Art. 9. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen in laying a new road from Jerusalem Road over Beach Island to Beach Street.

Art. 10. Will the Town instruct the Overseers of the Poor to sue the Town of Weymouth for the support of George F. Groves.

Art. 11. What action will the Town take in relation to the improvement of the Pond on the Common.

Art. 12. Will the Town cause a new sidewalk to be built on Margin Street, from Thomas T. Spear's to house of Charles P. Bourne.

Art. 13. Will the Town instruct the Selectmen to give Licenses for the use of Pool Tables in Town.

Art. 14. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Border Street, or act thereon.

Art. 15. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town for the current year, in accordance with Chap. 54 of the Acts of 1881.

Art. 16. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the current year, according to law.

Art. 17. Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars to decorate the soldiers' and sailors' graves.

Art. 18. To hear the Report of any Committee, and act thereon.

LIST OF

# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS,

**Registered in Cohasset, for the Year 1884.**

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1884. | | | | |
| Jan. | 1 | Arthur S. Bates | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | | Ella L. Burbank | " | |
| " | 16 | Thomas A. Rich | Cohasset | Married in Boston by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | | Mary A. Wellman | Boston | |
| " | 20 | Charles N. Turner | Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | | Christine Louer | " | |
| Feb. | 5 | Joseph F. Martin | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | | Katie E. Ainslie | " | |
| " | 13 | Jared T. Thomas | Quincy | Married in Cohasset by Rev. John W. Savage. |
| | | Sarah L. Pratt | Cohasset | |
| " | 14 | Ezekiel L. James | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. John W. Savage. |
| | | Nellie G. Bates | " | |
| " | 24 | Edwin W. Bates | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Harlan Page. |
| | | Emma J. Burbank | " | |
| Mar. | 6 | Thomas J. Newcomb | Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | | Adaline L. Carter | " | |
| " | 11 | Charles F. Westgate | Boston | Married in Cohasset by Rev. John W. Savage. |
| | | Katharine H. Vinal | Cohasset | |
| May | 13 | Charles F. Wilbur | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. John W. Savage. |
| | | Irene M. Snow | " | |
| " | 24 | John O. French | Hanover | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | | Flor'ceV. (Rogers)Browne | " | |
| June | 10 | Newcomb L. Damon | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | | Amelia R. Snow | " | |
| " | 29 | William J. Brennock | Cohasset | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | | Eliza M. Ainslie | " | |
| July | 3 | George W. Townsend | Hingham | Married in Cohasset by Aaron Pratt, Esq. |
| | | Elizabeth Haskell | Cohasset | |
| " | 17 | Richard H. Priest | Cohasset | Married in East Boston by Rev. William H. Munroe. |
| | | Milda Blondell | Boston | |
| Aug. | 6 | Thomas Williston | Cohasset | Married in Brockton by Rev. Samuel Hodgkiss. |
| | | Caroline Legard | No. Easton | |

## MARRIAGES. — CONTINUED.

| Date. | NAMES. | Residences. | Where and by whom Married. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1884. | | | |
| Sept. 21 | Matthew Haley | Cohasset | Married in Hingham by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Ellen Fenety | " | |
| Oct. 5 | Winfield L. Creed | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Esther P. Damon | " | |
| " 10 | Frank H. Stoddard | Rockland | Married in Hingham by Rev. Henry M. Dean. |
| | Mary Silvia | Cohasset | |
| " 21 | Jose E. Sylvester | Boston | Married in Boston by Rev. Henry B. M. Hughes. |
| | Maria V. Ramos | Cohasset | |
| Nov. 7 | William F. Henry | Province'wn | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Mary A. Gracia | Cohasset | |
| " 18 | Thomas Loney | Cohasset | Married in Boston by Rev. J. W. Hamilton. |
| | Louisa M.(Braxton)Harris | Boston | |
| " 19 | Andrew J. Arnold | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Mary McCloud | " | |
| " 20 | Otis V. Barnes | Cohasset | Married in Hingham by Rev. Henry M. Dean. |
| | Lydia J. (Peakes) Nichols | " | |
| " 23 | Lyman Lincoln | So. Scituate. | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Maria Joseph | " | |
| " 26 | Joseph H. Murphy | Cohasset | Married in Weymouth by Rev. J. J. Murphy. |
| | Jane H. Reed | Weymouth | |
| " 29 | Joseph A. Antoine | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Gerald Fagan. |
| | Ellen A. Fleming | " | |
| " 30 | Emanuel Joseph | So. Scituate. | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Nellie M. Perry | Marshfield | |
| Dec. 14 | Daniel P. Arnold | Cohasset | Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood. |
| | Mary A. Vargus | Scituate | |
| " 25 | George T. Otis | Scituate | Married in Cohasset by Rev. John W. Savage. |
| | Carrie M. Davis | " | |

Thirty Marriages were registered during the year 1884, as per list above, of which twenty were solemnized in this town.

## BIRTHS.—1884.

| Date. | NAMES. | Parents' Names. | Maiden Name. | Place of Birth. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 26 | Abraham Hobart Tower | Abraham H., Jr. and Mary F. | Osgood | Elm Street. |
| " 27 | Richard Mulchi | Richard and Alice | Kelly | Jerusalem Road. |
| Feb. 7 | Dora Clifton Bates | William W. and Mary E. | Litchfield | Beechwood Street. |
| " 11 | Mabel Frances Nott | Charles E. and Clara M. | Small | Pleasant Street. |
| Mar. 2 | Royal Teele Bates | Lorenzo W. and Lottie C. | Beal | So. Main Street. |
| " 3 | Joseph Mannix | Thomas and Mary J. | Vandura | Margin Street. |
| " 6 | Mary Ripley Wilbur | Otis S. and Abbie J. | Ripley | Winter Street. |
| " 19 | Harry Osborn Wood | Osborn and Addie P. | Peakes | Beechwood Street. |
| " 19 | Daniel Francis Donovan | Daniel and Mary | McCarty | James' Lane. |
| " 22 | John Tower Barnes | Jesse T. and Hattie E. | Cushing | No. Main Street. |
| " 31 | George James Mulhern | Matthew and Maggie | Leslie | " " " |
| Apr. 14 | John L. Munnies | George and Mary | Cassidy | Beechwood Street. |
| " 18 | Harry Robbins Pratt | Samuel E. and Caroline J. | Litchfield | " " |
| " 19 | Bessie Lincoln James | Ezekiel L. and Nellié G. | Bates | " " |
| " 19 | John William Rooney | James and Delia | Doherty | Border " |
| May 22 | William McCloud Smith | Joseph E. and Mary A. | Joseph | Beechwood " |
| " 24 | William Francis Martin | Frank F. and Mary E. | Frates | Border " |
| " 31 | Edward Nelson Davis | Edward N. and Hattie L. | Palmer | Pleasant " |
| June 20 | —— Dolbier | Thomas and Ada R. | Heath | Beach Island. |
| " 25 | Joseph Henry Donovan | John and Mary J. | Queeney | Margin Street. |
| " 28 | Guy Franklin Westgate | Charles F. and Katharine H. | [illegible] | Crescent av Boston |
| July 5 | Georgianna Bates | Henry L. and Amelia | Frates | Doane Street. |
| " 9 | Gracie Warren Bates | Edwin W. and Emma J. | Burbank | King " |
| " 10 | Joseph Lawrence Leonard | Manuel S. and Rita V. | Silvia | Elm " |
| " 12 | Elizabeth Jane Mattie | Thomas and Maggie | Deloreyo | Margin " |
| " 17 | Alberta Ellsworth Bates | Elmer E. and Myra E. | [illegible] | Beechwood Street. |
| " 19 | James Henry Mulcahy | Thomas F. and Mary | Greene | Pleasant " |
| " 19 | John Lindsay Sheridan | Thomas F. and Ellen E. | Mulcahy | Margin " |
| " 26 | Harold Atkins Merritt | Francis E and Fannie L. | Burleigh | King " |
| Aug. 1 | Mary F. Rhoderick | John and Mary | Lawrence | Spring Street. |
| " 3 | Ellen Johnson | Lawrence F. and Annie | Woods | No. Main Street. |
| " 4 | Gracie Eliza Enos | Manuel S. and Alice | Antoine | Elm " |
| " 4 | Mary Frances Antoine | Abraham J. and Elizabeth | Queeney | Beechwood " |
| " 7 | Walter Page Bates | John W. and Mary J. | Litchfield | " " |
| " 8 | Ella Crane Valine | Manuel P. and Sarah E. | Antoine | Margin " |
| " 14 | Ellen Corbett | Thomas and Ellen | Raleigh | " " |
| " 17 | Joseph Arthur Francis | Joseph E. and Marianna | Lawrence | Spring " |
| " 17 | May Hanlon | Edward and Frances | Kail | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 18 | Bessie Lincoln Crocker | William E. and Fannie K. | Lincoln | So. Main Street. |
| " 19 | Esther May Thayer | Samuel N. and Maggie L. | Cusick | No. " " |
| " 22 | Gertie May Bates | Arthur S. and Ella L. | Burbank | Beechwood Street. |
| " 28 | Frances Gracia | Joseph J. and Maggie | Farall | Border " |
| " 28 | Rena Belle Tower | —— Carrie M. | Tower | Elm " |
| " 29 | Mary Smith | Charles C. and Katie | Allearn | So. Main " |
| " 30 | Charles Joseph St. John | Joseph and Katie | Roche | " " " |
| Sept. 4 | Grace Emily Butman | Joseph E. and Mary A. | Stowar | Margin " |
| " 19 | Burleigh Ellsworth Bates | William H. and Grace E. | Tower | King " |
| Oct. 16 | Julia Weston Bates | Cyrus H. and Emma E. | Gibson | Jerusalem Road. |
| " 17 | Mary Eliza Enos | Joseph S. and Eliza | Antoine | Elm " |
| " 23 | John Wholley | Thomas and Catharine | Coughlin | So. Main Street. |
| Nov. 1 | John Oliveria | Manuel and Mary A. | Diaz | Margin " |
| " 5 | Bertrand Francis Morse | Benjamin F. and Winnifred E | Lynde | No. Main " |
| " 9 | Richard Watson Cushing | Louis T. and Mary R. | Johnson | So. " |
| " 17 | Emma Hudson Howe | Charles W. and Emma F. | Hudson | " " " |
| " 21 | George W. Davis | George E and Addie M. | Bero | Hull " |
| " 21 | Marietta Foster Bennett | Charles F. and Clara R. | Foster | Ottawa, Ill. |
| Dec. 3 | Ralph Henry Merritt | Edward W. and Abbie W. | Barnes | No. Main Street. |
| " 6 | Ralph Wilbur | Charles F. and Irene M. | Snow | Elm " |
| " 9 | Annie Linda Sylvia | Antoine J. and Annie S. | Enos | Snow Place. |
| " 16 | Ralph Webster Litchfield | George L. and Nettie E. | Spooner | So. Main Street. |
| 1881. | | | | |
| Feb. 20 | Edith Elenor Tower | Isaac H. and Betsey A. | Treat | Elm Street. |
| 1882. | | | | |
| Jan. 10 | Mary Elizabeth Sylvia | Antoine J. and Annie S. | Enos | Snow Place. |
| 1883. | | | | |
| Apr. 30 | Sylvanus Isaac Tower | Isaac H. and Betsey A. | Treat | Elm Street. |
| Nov 7 | *Gracie Lothrop Studley | Andrew J. and Helen M. | Edwards | Atlantic av. |

There were sixty births registered in Cohasset during the year 1884—thirty-three males and twenty-seven females, and, with two exceptions, all were born in this town. The above list contains the same, together with three, heretofore omitted from any report, and one to make a correction from last report.

Of the sixty registered in 1884, there were of American Parentage... ..34.
There were of Foreign Parentage.....15.
American Fathers and Foreign Mothers..... 3.
Foreign Fathers and American Mothers..... 8.

*This birth appeared in the last year report, but an error accidentally occurring in the mother's name, this method is taken to correct the same.

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## DEATHS. — 1884.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Age. Y. | M. | D. | Cause of Death. | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 5 | Ruth (Delano) Whittington | 71 | 11 | | Apoplexy | Margin St. |
| " | 5 | Melinda W. (Bailey) Taylor | 32 | | | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Church " |
| " | 22 | 1John J. McCarty | 2 | | 22 | Pneumonia | Margin " |
| Feb. | 1 | 2John Henry | 19 | 3 | | Scarlatina | No. Main " |
| Mar. | 9 | Levi N. Bates | 71 | 11 | 21 | Bright's Disease | So. Main " |
| Apr. | 27 | 3Michael R. O'Connell | 1 | 5 | 16 | Scarlet Fever | James' Lane. |
| May | 20 | Welcome Beal | 62 | 5 | | Heart Disease | Jerusalem R'd |
| " | 28 | Charles L. Rich | 59 | 5 | | Tumor | No. Main St. |
| June | 4 | 3Nancy (Mulvey) Woods | 77 | | | Apoplexy | No. Main " |
| " | 11 | James R. Lincoln | 3 | 7 | | Diphtheretic Croup | So. Main " |
| " | 18 | Levi L. Worrick | 59 | 3 | 23 | Paralysis | King " |
| " | 19 | 3Sarah A. Reedy | 25 | 7 | 19 | Phthisis Pulmonalis | No. Main " |
| " | 28 | Stephen S. Taylor | 39 | | | Heart Disease | Church " |
| " | 29 | David Beal | 75 | 6 | 6 | Insanity | Hull " |
| July | 8 | Rufus Bates | 84 | 9 | | Gastritis | Beechwood " |
| Aug. | 1 | 4Frederick W. A. Osborne | 52 | | | Apoplexy | Jerusalem R'd |
| " | 4 | 3Ellen Johnson | | | 1 | Influenza | No. Main St. |
| " | 17 | 5Lisette (Thayer) Goodnow | 43 | 6 | 9 | Consumpt'n of Bowels | Pleasant " |
| " | 17 | Gracie E. Litchfield | 1 | 11 | 18 | Acute Meningitis | So. Main " |
| " | 23 | 3Margaret Mulcahy | 18 | 1 | 25 | Consumption | Pleasant " |
| Sept. | 2 | 6Sarah A. Koop, | 90 | | | Marasmus Senilis | Margin " |
| " | 14 | 7Ellen M. (Noyes) Balch | 47 | | | Bright's Disease | Atlantic Ave. |
| " | 24 | Martin C. Ripley | 2 | 3 | 13 | Consumption | Hull St. |
| " | 27 | Laura (Thompson) Loney | 40 | 8 | | Consumption | Pleasant " |
| " | 29 | 8Helen (Jackman) Mann | 59 | 1 | 14 | Dropsy | Church " |
| Oct. | 6 | Betsey Pratt | 60 | | 8 | Consumption | Summer " |
| " | 7 | 9Mary W. (Thayer) Hollingsworth | 63 | 2 | 26 | Apoplexy | Jerusalem R'd |
| " | 14 | Nathaniel W. Richards | 80 | | | Valvular dis. Heart | Beechwood St. |
| " | 21 | Eunice B. Nichols | 65 | 4 | | Gangrene | So. Main " |
| Nov. | 4 | Stella Loney | 2 | 4 | 28 | Acute Meningitis | Pleasant " |
| " | 5 | 10Dennis Lucey | 35 | 2 | | Consumption | Jerusalem R'd |
| " | 9 | 6Frederick Silvia | 1 | 7 | 9 | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Margin St. |
| " | 11 | 6Mary F. Rhoderick | | 3 | 11 | Acute Meningitis | Spring " |
| Dec. | 9 | Emma B. Loney | 7 | 11 | 23 | Phthisis Pulmonalis | Pleasant " |
| " | 17 | Mary Smith | | 3 | 16 | Whooping Cough | So. Main " |
| " | 21 | Willie N. Damon | 23 | 7 | | Consumption | Beechwood " |

1. Buried at Rockland.
2. " " Weymouth.
3. " " Quincy.
4. " " Hingham.
5. " " Braintree.
6. Buried at Scituate.
7. " " Forest Hills.
8. " " Hanson.
9. " " Milton.
10. " " Salem.

There were thirty-eight deaths in Cohasset, including two still births, during the year 1884, of which seventeen were males and twenty-one were females, and the average, exclusive of still births, was about thirty-eight years, eleven months, and twenty-nine days.

A list is herewith appended of bodies brought into this town during the year for burial, who died in other places:

## DEATHS. — 1884.

| Date. | | NAMES. | Age. | | | Place of Death. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Y. | M. | D. | |
| January | 15 | John H. Reed..... | | 1 | 4 | Boston. |
| " | 19 | M. Anna Dow..... | 25 | 5 | | Waltham. |
| February | 11 | Alexander S. Litchfield.... | 71 | 8 | 6 | Boston. |
| March | 3 | Joshua Bates..... | 90 | 6 | | Natick. |
| " | 22 | Charles E. Lewis..... | 40 | | | Boston. |
| April | 26 | Robert B. Lincoln..... | 72 | 10 | | Boston. |
| September | 11 | David Renshaw..... | 48 | 1 | | Braintree. |
| December | 8 | Mary Eva Nichols..... | 23 | 3 | | Hingham. |

N. B. TOWER, *Town Clerk.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOLS

TO THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COHASSET,

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

*Gentlemen:*

Owing to the vote of the town, requiring the accounts to be made up to the first of January, and the Reports to be printed and distributed earlier than has been the custom, this Report will represent the condition of the schools only to the close of the fall term, December 19th, 1884. In the following table, however, the statistics of the schools for the whole year are given, including those of the last winter term, which were also given in the last Report:

| SCHOOLS. | TEACHERS. | WINTER TERM. | SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS. | FALL TERM. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jerusalem | Miss Annie Fox | 16 | 28 | 29 |
| North Grammar | " Myra W. Bates | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| North Primary | " Susie L. Stoddard | 28 | 29 | 33 |
| Centre Grammar | " Annie A. Souther | 32 | 27 | 26 |
| Intermediate | " Lizzie C. Bates | 21 | 21 | 35 |
| Centre Primary | " Sarah E. Fox | 39 | 41 | 34 |
| South Grammar | " Josie L. Vinal | 22 | 22 | 24 |
| South Primary | " Myra L. Beal | 28 | 21 | 26 |
| Harbor | " Priscilla L. Collier | 31 | 43 | 42 |
| Beechwood Grammar | Mr. L. W. Bates | 28 | 25 | 25 |
| Beechwood Primary | Miss Georgiana Bates | 22 | 27 | 27 |
| King Street | " Martha P. Bates | 16 | 13 | 15 |
| High School | " Drusilla S. Lothrop<br>Mr. W. S. Rich<br>Mr. Arthur Stanley | 70 | 51 | 49 |
| | | 368 | 363 | 380 |

All the schools were conducted harmoniously and successfully during the year, and, in all, good and faithful work was done by teachers and pupils. While all the schools were well taught, there were differences in their condition and success, occasioned in part, without doubt, by differences in the capacity and zeal of the teachers, but in large part, also, by the different intellectual capacities of the children, the regularity or irregularity of their attendance, and by the interest or want of interest in their education on the part of their parents. A school where there are many dull scholars cannot be expected to appear as well, or to make as rapid progress, as a school where the children are quick to learn, although these dull scholars may require more than an equal share of the teacher's time and attention. But when these scholars, or indeed any scholars, are irregular in their attendance, the case is worse still. They fall behind their classes, lose what little interest may have been awakened in them in the school, learn little themselves, and seriously impair the usefulness of the whole school.

There was no change of teachers in any of the schools during the past year, except in the High School. During the summer term that school was continued under the charge of Miss Drusilla S. Lothrop, with Mr. W. S. Rich, as assistant. At the close of the term, Miss Lothrop desired to be relieved of her duties as principal, and return to the less responsible and laborious position of assistant, at the same salary that she formerly received. Miss Lothrop was first appointed principal of the High School in the winter of 1876, and from that time till the close of the last summer term, more than eight years, continued in charge of it as principal. For no consecutive eight years in the history of the school has it been under better discipline or done better work. Miss Lothrop would have been continued in her position had she not felt that her health and strength were inadequate to the task. Mr. Arthur Stanley, a graduate of the advanced class of the Bridgewater State Normal School, took charge of the school as principal at the beginning of the fall term. He immmediately gained the confidence and respect of the scholars, secured good order, and the school, under his instruction, has been in an excellent condition. Last June, at the close of the last school year, the following scholars were graduated from the High School, and were presented with diplomas:

Carrie G. Burdick, Laura A. Gross, Ella G. Tower, and Jason M. Ennice. Of these, two remain in the school for another year.

There were other scholars who had pursued the prescribed studies, but who decided to remain in school another year, and who will be graduated next June at the close of the present school year.

The plan, which had been in contemplation for some years, of raising the grade of all the schools, has been carried into execution as far as practicable. No new class was admitted into the High School at the beginning of the school year in September; consequently the school is now smaller than usual, and teachers are able to give more careful and thorough instruction to their pupils.

By requiring a higher standard of preparation for entering, and excluding those studies which can be pursued as well, or better, in the Grammar Schools, the High School may be made to occupy more fully its true place as a High School, and afford a more thorough and comprehensive course of instruction. The first classes in the Grammar Schools which, according to our former custom, would have been admitted into the High School, are pursuing the same studies, substantially, as they would have been if they had been admitted into that school, and with greater advantage, as they recite in smaller classes, and have more particular personal instruction from teachers who have had the training of them for years, and best know their individual capacities and needs. In addition to the studies which were formerly pursued in the Grammar Schools, United States History and Book-keeping have been introduced. At the same time a more thorough training in Arithmetic, Geography, Language, and in the common branches of Reading and Spelling, and Penmanship has been required.

As some of the scholars in the Grammar Schools never enter the High School, and of those who do enter, many remain in the school only till they find an opening for business or labor, it is evident that, in the Grammar Schools, children should be taught the most essential elements of a good common-school education —such an education our Grammar Schools, as they are at present arranged, are intended to give. Children of ordinary ability who attend these schools constantly through their whole course, may, and should, in addition to the elementary branches, have a competent knowledge of Arithmetic, Geography, Book-keeping, and Language or Grammar. With such an education they are fitted

to make higher attainments in knowledge, and to meet the demands of business, and to discharge intelligently their duties as citizens.

The children in the Primary Schools have been retained a year longer in those schools than formerly, thus raising the grade of those schools. The exceptions to this arrangement have been where the Primary Schools have been large and the Grammar Schools small. At the beginning of the school year the first classes of the Centre Primary and of the Harbor School were transferred to the Intermediate School. These classes, with the class that entered the year before, made the whole number in the Intermediate thirty-five. Although these Primary Schools were thus relieved, yet their numbers the last term were thirty-three and forty-two respectively.

The Intermediate School has done excellent work, and filled a very important place in our school system. It suffers from the necessity of crowding a large number of scholars into a small room. Although last spring the town voted to remove the school to the Harbor School house, you, with good reason, declined to make the change. It would have taken many of the children to a distance from their homes; it would have brought together between seventy and eighty children in one small school house, without any playground except the streets, without yards, out-buildings, and necessary conveniences, and at an expense of a number of hundreds of dollars. Besides, the rent received for the lower rooms is about equal to the rent paid for the room where the Intermediate School is kept. I repeat the recommendation made last year and the year before, that a new school-room be built in connection with the Centre School House, unless an addition be made to the Town House such as would furnish accommodations for another school.

On the 22d day of last March an Act passed by the Legislature was approved by the Governor and became a law, requiring the "cities and towns of Massachusetts to furnish text-books and other supplies used in the public schools." The following is a copy of the Act:

Sect. 1. The School Committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of such city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools; and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public

schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the School Committee may prescribe.

SECT. 2. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this Act shall not be supplied with similar books by the Committee until needed.

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect upon the first day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

At the beginning of the fall term it became necessary to provide school-books and supplies for all the schools in town. This, of course, caused a large and unusual expense, for which no sufficient appropriation had been made. The expenses will probably continue to be considerable for a year or two, till all the schools are fully supplied, and then will greatly diminish, as the same books may be used by different classes year after year. The books and supplies have been furnished to the Town at the lowest price at which they could be bought, without the charge of any commission. The advantages anticipated from this arrangement have been fully realized. They have been well expressed in the following extract from the Address of Governor Robinson to the Legislature, at the commencement of the present session:

Satisfactory results are already shown in the operation of the Free Text-book law, which went into effect in August last. Among other advantages, the new system reduces in a large amount the expense of providing school-books and school-supples formerly paid by individuals, enables the teachers to effect prompt organization of their schools and a better classification of the pupils at the beginning of the terms, increases the attendance, removes mortifying distinctions possible under the old system, and makes the public schools of the Commonwealth literally free schools, offering equal opportunity to all children alike.

In some of our schools last year there was little or no truancy. In others there was more than there should have been. But a greater evil than truancy is the habit which some parents have of keeping their children frequently from school for work or for some other reason, or permitting them to be absent unnecessarily. It is difficult to reach such cases. The law requires that "every person, having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend for at least twenty weeks some public school in the city or town in which he resides, which time shall be divided, as far as the arrangement of school terms will allow, into two terms of ten

consecutive weeks; and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars."

There are certain exceptions to this law which need not be specified here. If this law were strictly enforced, the attendance in our schools would be much more constant.

The school houses were all painted last summer, which has greatly improved their appearance and saved them from deterioration. They are all now generally in a good state of repair, except that the roof of the North School House leaks badly after heavy rains, from which the plastering, and indeed the whole building, must suffer. Attempts to stop the leaks have not been successful. The house was built in 1857, and probably needs to be newly shingled.

In conclusion, it may be said that the schools were never so well organized and classified as they are at present. Little more can be done in this direction than to maintain and carry out fully the plans that have been inaugurated. The rooms are well furnished with blackboards, text-books and reference-books, and all necessary supplies. What is especially needed for the highest success of our schools is, that parents visit them more frequently, personally interest themselves in the progress of their children, and especially send them regularly and punctually to school.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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At a meeting of the School Committee, *Voted:* That the foregoing Report be accepted as the Report of the School Committee.

LOUIS T. CUSHING,
*Clerk of the School Committee.*

Cohasset, Jan. 28, 1885.